

and the Ritchie Highway in Brooklyn, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

This bill authorizes the installation of traffic signals by the State Roads Commission at the intersection of Routes 180 and 170 in Anne Arundel County, at certain intersections in Ocean City, Worcester County, at Cross Road 1 and 2 and Boulevard Grille Cross Road in Berlin, at the main intersection in the center of Ringgold, Washington County, and at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Ritchie Highway in Brooklyn.

The State Roads Commission without this bill has ample authority for the installation of traffic signals where found to be desirable. The Commission will make traffic studies of the crossings mentioned, and if found desirable, will install such signals.

Although this bill is not mandatory, it will be vetoed for the same reasons stated in connection with House Bill No. 569.

#### HOUSE BILL 736

AN ACT to authorize the State Roads Commission to construct a bridge across the Wicomico River at Whitehaven, Wicomico County.

This bill, in its original form, authorized and *directed* the State Roads Commission to construct a bridge of a specific type and all necessary approaches thereto, across the Wicomico River between Somerset and Wicomico Counties, to replace the present ferry system. The words "and directed" were stricken out during the passage of the bill through the Legislature, so that, in its present form, it is directory only. The State Roads Commission, of course, has, without this bill, ample authority to construct any bridge deemed in the public interest, and this bill is therefore unnecessary and will be vetoed.

#### SENATE BILL 169

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9 (f) of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "State Roads", relating to the time when County Commissioners of any County desirous of obtaining the return of County road maintenance should give notice to the State Roads Commission.

This bill was originally drawn to enable the Counties to obtain a return of county roads upon a request filed prior to April 1st of each year. In view of the adoption of Senate