

ARMISTICE DAY.

Chapter 240, House Bill 54, provides that Armistice Day shall be a school holiday in Baltimore City. The school authorities of Baltimore City, through the City Solicitor, protested the approval of this bill and for that reason and for the further reason that the Act apparently violates the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution in so far as Baltimore City is concerned, I have vetoed this bill.

BALTIMORE CITY.

Chapter 526, House Bill 268, provides for the refund of contributions to the special police pension fund of Baltimore City, under certain conditions. The changes proposed are somewhat ambiguous and would probably be construed to be retroactive, thereby making it impossible to estimate the cost which it would impose upon the City of Baltimore. The bill, no doubt, possesses some merit but, in view of the uncertainties, I do not feel justified in giving it my approval. I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.

Chapter 531, House Bill 374, relates to the transfer by the Police Commissioner of members of the Police Department of Baltimore City from the Detective Service to the Uniformed Force, under certain conditions. Since this legislation has a tendency to hamper the discretion and judgment of the Police Commissioner, I have vetoed it.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Chapter 23, House Bill 221, repeals a section of the Code relating to the double liability of stockholders of banks and trust companies. The general subject matter of this bill is covered by Chapter 81, which has been signed, and, on the advice of the Attorney-General, I have vetoed this bill.

BLACK BASS.

Chapter 362, Senate Bill 305, changes the season for taking Black Bass in tidal waters. The Conservation Commission recommends its disapproval and as the change in the season would interfere with the spawning season of the Black Bass, I have vetoed it.

DENTON.

Chapter 229, Senate Bill 274, directs the Commissioners of the Town of Denton to improve Third Street and Lincoln