

were over \$6,000,000.00. In addition to these objections, there are serious objections to the provisions of the bill legalizing book-making and certain gambling devices which are contrary to the fundamental principles and moral standards of our State. I am convinced that the people of Maryland do not approve the further liberalization and enlargement of the gambling laws.

For the above reasons, I have vetoed this bill and have called the General Assembly into Special Session to consider the enactment of an adequate relief measure.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

Chapter 333, House Bill 356, allows the County Treasurer of St. Mary's County a commission of 5% for the collection of State taxes, the 5% to be added to the tax bills for State taxes. This would, therefore, impose an additional and unnecessary burden upon the taxpayers of that County and for this reason, and also because it is contrary to the state-wide law which has uniform provisions throughout the State, I have vetoed this bill.

Chapter 357, Senate Bill 294, provides for the licensing of slot machines, claw machines, etc., in St. Mary's County. I vetoed Chapter 382 on the ground that it contained, among other objectionable features, a provision for similar gambling devices. I can see no reason, at this time, for reversing my action on this subject, especially since the Special Session of the Legislature of 1937 refused to legalize slot and claw machines. Furthermore, to approve a local bill which is in conflict with the state-wide law, does not seem to be a sound policy. I have, therefore, vetoed this bill.

SALISBURY.

Chapter 19, House Bill 146, relates to junk dealers and second-hand dealers in the City of Salisbury. The subject matter of this bill is sufficiently covered by existing law and I have, therefore, vetoed it.

TALBOT COUNTY.

Chapter 334, House Bill 358, provides that certain waters of the Chesapeake Bay shall be a part of the waters of Talbot County. This bill, in my opinion, establishes an unwise precedent, which later may prove embarrassing, and I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.