

true, there is no need for the lien. In any event, I know of nothing which has occurred to necessitate or justify the restoration of a lien which had such serious consequences when it existed.

I do not believe that it would operate beneficially for the supply men themselves. It did not before and I do not think it would now. If the bill was signed, I am convinced that the time would come when the supply men themselves would insist on its repeal again.

At all events, I cannot assume the responsibility of restoring a lien which in every likelihood would have the detrimental economic consequences to building conditions and home owners in Baltimore City which this lien concededly had when it was in force.

The bill will be vetoed.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS AND SUPERVISORS.

(Chapter 330)

Senate Bill No. 16 relates to the appointment of the State Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors.

Under the present law, this Board consists of five members, two nominated by the Electrical Contractors Association, one by the City of Baltimore, one by the Association of Fire Underwriters and one to be selected by the Governor. Senate Bill No. 16 reduces the Board to three members, one to be nominated by the Association of Fire Underwriters and the other two to be practical master electricians or electrical engineers, and to be selected by the Governor.

The bill seems to be the result of criticism that the present Board is too much in the control of the electrical contractors, and is not sufficiently fair and liberal in permitting deserving applicants to pass the examinations and receive certificates.

This is a difficult matter to determine, although I am inclined to believe that in some cases at least there is foundation for the criticism. It is, however, of the greatest importance that only thoroughly qualified persons should be permitted to install electrical wiring apparatus, and to the extent that the criticism has merit, I think that the situation ought to be remedied by the Board itself after a conference with the Gov-