

viewing them. Some of the officers for whom the bills provide pensions were dismissed, and others resigned. Practically none of the cases are at all recent, and some occurred from 25 to 30 years ago. None of them are covered by the General Pension law, and there seems to be no reason for granting any of these pensions contrary to the provisions of that law.

Likewise in the reinstatement cases. Some of the officers were dismissed and others resigned, few of the cases being recent ones. The Police Commissioner tells me that in none of these cases would he be willing to grant a reinstatement, even if he had the power to do so, which, in fact, he has in a good many.

Each of these pension and reinstatement bills, 26 in all, will be vetoed as special legislation, for which I cannot see any justification.

BALTIMORE CITY BILLS.

Senate Bill No. 56 (Chapter 644) changes the title of the Buildings Engineer to the Commissioner of Buildings. The Baltimore City charter adopted by the people was amended by creating a Department of Public Works, headed by a Chief Engineer, and with seven sub-departments, the head of each one being designated in his title as Engineer. The present bill would change this title to Commissioner in the Sub-Department of Buildings, leaving the other six titles the same as at present. I am advised that the bill is invalid, under the Home Rule amendment, and that the City administration does not favor it. For these reasons it will be vetoed.

House Bill No. 89 (Ch. 113) directs the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to pay all City laborers not less than 50 cents per hour.

The Baltimore City Charter was adopted by the people under the Home Rule amendment, and I am advised that the question of salaries or wages for City employees is now one for the City authorities exclusively, and not for the Legislature to determine, and that, for this reason, House Bill No. 89 is invalid. It will be vetoed.