

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

(Chapter 657)

House Bill No. 635 provides that when there are no eligible applicants for Johns Hopkins University State Scholarships from some particular county, then the Senator from that county may name, for the time being, someone from another county. The University authorities advise me that the difficulty with this bill is that anyone appointed under it would naturally expect the scholarship to continue for the full term, whereas in the following year an eligible person might apply from the county in question and be entitled to the scholarship. The University trustees have also established a number of trustee scholarships for the purpose of appointing scholars where there are vacancies unfilled in any particular county. For these reasons, the bill does not seem to me advisable or necessary, and I will veto it.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

(Chapter 658)

House Bill No. 144 relates to public accountants. This bill provides that any public accountant who was in business on January 1st, 1924, and who failed to register with the State Board of Examiners of Public Accountants, shall be entitled to register at any time before June 1st, 1928. The present law requires public accountants who were in business on January 1st, 1924, to register by January 1st, 1925. This gave such accountants a year to comply with the provisions of the Act. No reason is perceived why, at this late date, the matter should be reopened and the time extended until June 1st, 1928. Accordingly, this bill will be vetoed.

FIRE APPARATUS.

(Chapter 659)

House Bill No. 274 prescribes a standard thread for fire-hose, couplings and hydrant fittings.

I think this may properly be left to the public authorities having jurisdiction over the matter and the bill will be vetoed.