

of the very large amount of technical bridge work which has to be done in Allegany County.

Chapter 368, House Bill 502. This bill provides a City Manager for the City of Cumberland. It was only introduced about two weeks before the close of the session, and I have been advised of a number of ambiguities and conflicts with the provisions of the charter of Cumberland which are contained in the bill. For instance, the bill provides that the City Manager shall make contracts for the purchase of materials, while the charter provides that the Mayor and City Council shall make such purchases. The bill provides that the City Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the City, while the charter provides that the Mayor shall be the executive officer of the City, and no attempt is made to distinguish between what are administrative duties and what are executive duties. The City Manager form of Government may be a very excellent thing, but certainly any legislation providing for it should be carefully thought out and drawn with due regard for its workability and effect. It seems that the present bill does not measure up to this standard.

Chapter 65, House Bill 143. This bill requires pawnbrokers in Hagerstown to make daily written reports in minute detail to the Chief of Police. There are only two pawnbrokers in Hagerstown, and there has never been any failure on the part of either to give full reports and information to the police whenever desired. I do not see any necessity for this law, and it will be vetoed.

Chapter 54, Senate Bill 131. At present the Road Superintendent of Somerset County is appointed by the State Roads Commission. Senate Bill 131 provides that after January 1, 1930, he shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. There has for years been a controversy in Somerset County over the method of the superintendent's appointment. The two groups were supposed to have reached an agreement whereby the present superintendent was to continue in office until January, 1930, and thereafter the County Commissioners were to make the appointment. Senate Bill 131 does continue the superintendent in office until January, 1930, but it also deprives him of a considerable portion of his powers as superintendent. It can hardly be said that this was contemplated by the agreement, and before the Legislature adjourned I gave sufficient opportunity to correct the situation but this was not done. In view of this, and of the further fact that the State Roads Commission advises me that the present road superin-