

The Conservation Commissioner has recommended that this bill be disapproved and I have, therefore, vetoed it.

Chapter 530, Senate Bill 472, authorizes the Conservation Department to lease any portion of the barren oyster bottoms in Calvert County to the Maryland Rehabilitation Corporation, to any non-profit corporation designated by an agency of the Federal Government, or to any co-operative association of oystermen.

The oystermen themselves have urged me not to approve this bill and, on account of these protests as well as the fact that the bill only applies to one County, I have vetoed it.

POCOMOKE CITY.

Chapter 445, House Bill 669, provides for a new general registration of voters in Pocomoke City, and as such registration would seem to be a useless expense, I have vetoed this bill.

RACING.

Chapter 254, House Bill 126, would substantially reduce the taxes on race tracks in Maryland.

The published reports of the Racing Commission indicate that the race tracks are in no need of this relief and I have, therefore, vetoed this bill.

RECEIVERS.

Chapter 550, Senate Bill 358, relates to the appointment of receivers.

The proposed change does not seem to me to be a step forward in jurisprudence and I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.

RELEASES.

Chapter 112, Senate Bill 117, provides that releases signed by a person, within two days of the injury resulting from a tort, shall be voidable at the option of the injured party.

While I agree with its policy, the bill is objectionable. It does not fix a time limit within which the power to revoke must be exercised, leaving this essential feature unprovided for. I regard this omission as fatal, as the bill in its present shape would permit revocation at any time, and I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.

ROADS.

Chapter 403, House Bill 487, amends the law relating to the construction and maintenance of county roads and the employment of the personnel theretofore employed.