

## OYSTERS.

Chapter 618 (House Bill 216). This measure would change the uniform law as to seasons in the Honga River. As a matter of policy, it is considered unwise and numerous persons who would be affected by its provisions have requested me to disapprove it. The Delegate from Dorchester County, who sponsored the measure, advises me that after full consideration and in view of developments since its enactment, he would now request its veto.

## PEOPLE'S COURT.

Chapter 299 (Senate Bill 182) and Chapter 449 (House Bill 335). These two measures are duplicate bills. They provide that the number of justices to be assigned to the People's Court of Baltimore City be reduced from five to three for one month—May, 1939.

In my appointments I have made only three justices for the current month and, inasmuch as the purpose of this proposed enactment has been carried out by me, I feel that rather than clutter up the statutes book, it would be preferable to veto these matters. One of them would have to be vetoed any how.

## PINBALL MACHINES.

Chapter 665 (House Bill 819), Chapter 679 (House Bill 862), Chapter 681 (House Bill 370) and Chapter 686 (House Bill 870). Four bills passed by the General Assembly provide for:

- (a) The legalization of pinball machines in Montgomery County.
- (b) The legalization of the pinball machines in Anne Arundel County for relief purposes.
- (c) The legalization of similar devices in Charles County for the benefit of the local hospital, and
- (d) The legalization of slot machines and pinball games in Prince George's County with a \$5,000 license requirement for distributors.

Considerable discussion has been indulged in throughout Maryland concerning the desirability of continuing the licensing and legalization of pinball games which was provided for in the Acts of 1937. Widespread opposition to these bills had been noted. Courts declared them public menaces, grand juries recommended their abolition and civic groups and