

tion in the General Assembly followed requests from members of the architectural profession, that in protection of the public some stringent regulations should be enacted, preventing unqualified persons from representing themselves as architects. The effort was to improve the standards of the profession and to correct some of the abuses which, unfortunately, have occurred and which have been attributed to the work of individuals who, possibly, could not obtain licenses in other States.

The Bill as introduced received the whole-hearted support of the American Institute of Architects, the Maryland Society of Architects and the Baltimore City group. The profession generally was most anxious that it be enacted into law.

However, as the Bill passed through the General Assembly, an amendment was adopted which, in the opinion of members of the profession, not only nullified the desirable features of the measure, but lowered the requirements in the important particulars. Members of the profession were unaware of the adoption of the amendment until after the adjournment of the General Assembly.

Immediately upon becoming aware of the provisions of the Bill in its final form, representative members of the profession have appealed to me urging the veto of the measure. I am in receipt of written requests from the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institution of Architects, the Maryland Society of Architects and the Building Congress and Exchange of Baltimore as well as many representative members of the profession. They are definitely of the opinion that the interests of the public would be injured if the Bill in its present form becomes law. Under the circumstances, I am vetoing the Bill.

ARMISTICE DAY.

Chapter 407 (House Bill 85). The Attorney General, in his opinion, rules that this measure is defective, in that the title is misleading.

The text of the Bill, apparently through inadvertence, omits the election days entirely, thus repealing the existing law.

Furthermore, Memorial Day has also been omitted as a holiday.

Due to this invalidity, I find it necessary to veto this measure.

BANKS.

Chapter 341 (Senate Bill 192). This Bill provides that, in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, banks may remain open for business at different hours than those in other Counties of the State.

The Bank Commissioner opposes this measure and declares that it would be decidedly disadvantageous to banking insti-