

As an example of the attitude to which I refer, I cite one illustration. Baltimore City, having approximately one-half the population of the entire State, is represented by six State Senators. Since the adjournment, every one of the six has written me, urging the veto of this measure. Other Senators have done likewise. Incidentally, the measure passed the Senate by the bare Constitutional majority.

I held a lengthy hearing on this Bill and was most impressed with the public-spirited attitude of the proponents of the Measure, as well as others, appearing at the hearing. I am confident that their purpose in sponsoring this Bill is bona fide. However, I cannot escape the conclusion that, where prosecution can now be instituted, under existing law, and with the additional protection afforded by the Anti-Sabotage Measure, they have no reason to fear.

Having fully explained my reasons for disapproving the measure, I will veto it.

PIN BALL MACHINES

Chapter 412 (House Bill 391) and Chapter 880 (Senate Bill 469) provide for the legalization and licensing of pin ball and other machines.

My attitude on this general question is stated fully in the veto message recently filed in connection with Chapter 928 (House Bill 570), Garrett County, and I do not feel it necessary to repeat it here. However, an additional reason for vetoing chapter 880 is given by the State Law Department, in which it is stated that this bill may conflict to some extent with the provisions of Section 8-A of Article 56, as enacted by Chapter 791 of the Acts of 1941, already signed. This section prohibits local license fees on various matters for which State licenses are required.

The State Law Department also points out that this Bill may, by discouraging the use of machines covered by the State Act, cut into a source of State revenue.

Chapter 928 (House Bill 570) seeks to legalize pin ball and similar machines in Garrett County. It provides that the proceeds of the license requirements be used for erection of a County hospital.

I feel that I must disapprove this measure in order to keep faith with the citizens of our State. When I campaigned for the Governorship, I stated repeatedly in public addresses that, if elected, I would stand firm against the licensing of pin ball machines and similar gambling devices. Furthermore, the Democratic Party in its Convention, unanimously adopted a plank for the platform in which it was stated that the Party