

Department, have been filed by the Commissioner in which his objections to the approval of these Acts are voiced. Certain of the measures are duplicates of Bills passed in previous sessions and vetoed.

It seems apparent that to have these Bills sustained would unduly interfere with the administration of the Department and would grant special privileges to persons who are not entitled to such privileges, under the existing regulations. In effect, the money contributed by other police officers into the pension system would be used to pay allowances which are not cognizable under the rules of the system.

In keeping with my announced policy to cooperate with the Department in such matters, I find it necessary to veto these measures. They are:

Chapter 168 (House Bill 334)

Chapter 173 (House Bill 58)

Chapter 795 (House Bill 706)

Chapter 803 (House Bill 773)

Chapter 463 (House Bill 174). This Bill is vetoed on the strength of formal representations from the Commissioner of Police of Baltimore City, Robert F. Stanton, whose expression of opinion I quote as follows:

"House Bill No. 174, which became Chapter 463, provides that contributions made by police officers to the Special Fund for Widows be refunded to the widows of officers who die while in the military or naval service of the United States.

"The Special Fund for Widows has been operative only since June 1, 1939, and not more than five members have been called into the military or naval service. This fund is solely dependent upon contributions from members who have established eligibility to provide, in the event of death, for the payment of a pension to the widow or dependent children, and it has no other source of revenue. It is reasonable to conclude that the Federal Government will provide a pension or some other form of relief for widows and dependents of members who die while in the military or naval service, and in the circumstances, I cannot recommend approval of this bill."

Under the circumstances, I am vetoing the measure.

Chapter 602 (Senate Bill 516). This Bill would grant increased pensions for members of the police force and certain other employees of the Department for services in excess of