

funds for general use in the County has been made on a carefully thought-out basis and if in-roads are made in the County fund through payments to the various towns, the Commission will be prevented from maintaining the roads as they should be maintained.

In view of the foregoing, I am vetoing this Bill.

Chapter 528 (House Bill 437). This measure seeks to amend Section 9 of Article 89B in order to make possible the use of the Lateral Road Gasoline Fund in Caroline County for debt service payments.

The State Roads Commission urges that this Bill be vetoed, setting forth the same reasons as were advanced in connection with the request to veto the St. Mary's County Bill, which also sought to use the proceeds from this same fund for debt service payments.

As pointed out in the previous memorandum, the portion of the 1½-cent Gasoline Tax for maintenance purposes is not sufficient to maintain properly the highways. If this money is diverted to debt servicing requirements it would inevitably result in a diminution of the amount required for the proper maintenance of the roads.

Under the circumstances I will veto this Bill.

Chapter 414 (Senate Bill 345). This enactment undertakes to add a new section to Article 89B of the Annotated Code to authorize and direct the State Roads Commission to pay certain sums of money to the incorporated towns of Wicomico County from the One and One-half Cent Lateral County and Municipal Road Fund allocated to this County.

The Bill was introduced by Senator R. Fulton Waller of Wicomico County and was passed after favorable action had been taken upon it by the majority of the Wicomico County representatives in the House of Delegates.

However, since the enactment of this Bill, these representatives, including Senator Weller, constituting a majority of the Delegation, asked that the Bill be vetoed. The Senator and Delegates point out that if signed, this enactment might seriously affect the money available in Wicomico County for the maintenance and up-keep of the lateral road system. It is apparent that the intention was to amend the Bill in order to provide that the allocations be made on a percentage or pro rata basis but, through inadvertence, such amendments were not adopted.

In requesting that I veto the measure, the Delegates emphasize the fact that with food so essential for the successful prosecution of the war, it would be unfortunate if anything were done to interfere with the proper maintenance of the roads