

been held up in transit following labor dispute, gave rise to similar proposals in the other jurisdictions.

Fortunately, we have not suffered from such practices in Maryland and it is sincerely to be hoped that there will be no resort to them. We do not want labor to think that any statute would have its origin in distrust of their good faith and allegiance to their country in a time of national peril. We assume that labor, speaking collectively is just as patriotic as any other group. Their cooperation is sorely needed at this time and I am confident that we will not be disappointed in their joint efforts for industrial mobilization. I don't believe that we will help in getting their cooperation by enacting a statute which seems to be directed toward the labor group.

Another important consideration must be borne in mind. I refer to the fact that nothing will be lost if this measure does not become law, because there now exists adequate measures prohibiting and punishing offenses such as those designated in Chapter 909. Indictments for Conspiracy, Malicious Destruction of Property, Unlawful Assembly, Riot and Rout and other crimes, would lie for the unlawful acts punishable if House Bill 550 were enacted.

I also make note of the fact that numerous members of the General Assembly, many of whom voted for the Bill, have since the adjournment of the Legislature urged its veto.

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, which 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 657 (House Bill 746). Chapter 974 (House Bill 421). These two Bills undertake to license gambling machines throughout the Counties for which the Bills were passed.

Since I assumed the office of Governor I have consistently vetoed similar measures. In doing so, I adhered to the pro-