

not produce desired results in securing the persons considered by me to be the best qualified for the work.

Because I consider the present system to be operating satisfactorily, I feel it would be hazardous to depart from it without the assurance of having experienced men to exercise the authority for all releases. Therefore, I am vetoing this bill.

PENSIONS.

SENATE BILL 275.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 96 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Militia", sub-title "Re-employment of Persons in Military Service", relating to pension rights of State employees absent in military service.

This enactment relates to pension rights of State employees absent in military service. While its purpose is commendable, it must be noted that the bill requires the State or any agency thereof to make contribution on behalf of such employees as it would have made if such employee had not been absent. Despite this provision, no suggestion was made to have an amount included in the Budget sufficient to care for this obligation that would be imposed upon the State.

The Budget having been passed with no provision having been made for the inclusion of such an item, the purpose of the bill would be defeated and, therefore, I have concluded that this enactment should be vetoed.

RACING.

HOUSE BILL 744.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 14 of Article 78B of the 1943 Supplement to the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Racing Commission", to authorize the issuance of licenses for racing meetings to the Baltimore County Fair Association, Inc.

This bill would authorize the issuance of licenses for racing meetings to an organization to be known as the "Baltimore County Fair Association, Inc." When the measure was introduced it included authority for licensing an additional race track in Carroll County and throughout the debate on the bill in the General Assembly the addition of the Carroll County track to the list of authorized racing locations was considered