

a former member of the Police Department of Baltimore City.

I have concluded to veto this Bill for the reason that it directs the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to pay a pension to a former member of the Police Department. As in the case of other Bills of this nature, it is my view that the State may authorize but that it should not direct such payments. Therefore I am vetoing this Bill.

HOUSE BILL No. 264

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to pay a pension to the widow of Edward F. Bradley, a former member of the Police Department of Baltimore City.

I am vetoing this Bill because it directs the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to pay a pension to the widow of a former officer of the Department. My reason for doing so is that I should be reluctant to approve this Bill and direct the payment of a pension and to deprive the officials of the Police Department of the City of their authority to give the case such consideration as it may deserve.

HOUSE BILL No. 291

AN ACT to increase the amount of retirement pay now being paid to certain former employees of the Board of Correction or of any other institution under the control or management of the Board of Correction.

This Bill accords preferential treatment to a single group of State employees and is, therefore, highly questionable from a standpoint of State policy, and I have, therefore, vetoed this Bill.

HOUSE BILL No. 611

AN ACT authorizing the Board of Public Works to pay a pension to A. Hallie Creighton of Dorchester County, Maryland, a former employee of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries.

This Bill directs that the Board of Public Works pay to a former employee of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries a monthly sum of \$30.00 during the rest of his natural life, and that such payments be made from the general emergency fund or from such other monies as may be available for said purpose. No funds are available and the emergency fund was not established for such purposes.

For this reason the Bill has been vetoed.