

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 12, 1951

Hon. John C. Luber
 Speaker of the House of Delegates
 State House
 Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Herewith I return House Bill No. 66 and House Bill No. 67 without my approval.*

The first of these bills is applicable to Baltimore County only and the second is of State-wide application. The object is to require the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of the County Commissioner from a person whose name shall be submitted to him in writing by the State Central Committee of the political party with which the County Commissioner so vacating has been affiliated. The effect of this bill is to take away all discretion from the Governor in the filling of the vacancy and to make him a rubber stamp for the State Central Committee.

While I do not think any legislation necessary in respect to this subject matter, I would consider signing a bill that requires the Governor to appoint a person belonging to the same political party as the person whose death, resignation or removal created the vacancy; but to provide that the Governor shall have no choice but to name the person previously selected for him by the State Central Committee merely preserves the Governor's power in name and form. For this reason, I have disapproved both measures.

Sincerely yours,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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May 7, 1951

Hon. John C. Luber
 Speaker of the House of Delegates
 State House
 Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The title of House Bill No. 594 purports to include Howard County in the provisions of section 132 of Article 27 of the An-

* These two bills were passed over the Governor's vetoes.