

vetoed this bill as unnecessary, since it duplicates Senate Bill 45, which has previously been signed.

Yours very truly,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

TRMcK/A

Governor

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

April 2, 1954.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith House Bill 136 dealing with regulation of gas well drilling. I have vetoed this bill as unnecessary, since it duplicates Senate Bill 81 which has previously been signed.

Yours very truly,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

TRMcK/A

Governor

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

April 2, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith House Bill 150. This Bill provides for the issuance of bonds by the State in the total amount of One Hundred Million (\$100,000,000.00) Dollars. The indebtedness thus incurred is to be repaid by virtually doubling the retail sales tax, and the Bill designates that the proceeds of the loan be used for the payment of a bonus to veterans.

All legislation which is submitted to me for action has previously been passed upon by the Attorney General of Maryland as to legal form and sufficiency. In connection with the instant Bill, I have received an exhaustive opinion from the Attorney General, a copy of which is attached hereto. The Attorney General has concluded that House Bill 150 "does not satisfy the requirements of the Maryland Constitution".

The unconstitutionality of the measure stems from the action of the House of Delegates in the adoption of amend-