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SENATE BILL NO. 165

May 6, 1953

Honorable George W. Della
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill No. 165 is a companion measure to Senate Bill No. 164 and would relieve from toll charges on the Susquehanna River Bridge, motor vehicles owned by either Cecil or Harford Counties or agents thereof, or vehicles used as an ambulance or fire truck operated for public use on a non-profit basis. The effective date of this act is June 1, 1953. It would consequently be in violation of the terms of the trust indenture dated October 1, 1948, whereby there can be no reduction of tolls on this bridge until at least two years after the opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The Attorney General advises that this provision renders the Bill unconstitutional as impairing the obligation of a contract. I am therefore vetoing the Bill.

It should be noted that provision has heretofore been made by agreement of the State Roads Commission and the Trustees whereby fire apparatus and ambulances belonging to fire companies cross the bridge without payment of tolls.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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SENATE BILL NO. 166

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Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill No. 166 provided for the issuance of special automobile tags to operators of vehicles equipped with a mobile radio unit. The tag would carry the official call letters of the applicant instead of the usual tags for other