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provides pensions for four former County policemen. Under the present law, the Police Department has its own pension system, and this Bill would give special treatment to certain individuals not accorded to others. This is an unwise practice, and if a public general law were thus affected, would be clearly unconstitutional.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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SENATE BILL NO. 492

May 6, 1953

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am returning herewith Senate Bill No. 492 without my approval. This Bill would make it mandatory that the State Roads Commission take over two bridges across the Patapsco River at Avalon and Ilchester, between Baltimore and Howard Counties and immediately repair or rebuild them.

Legislative direction of a specific administrative problem of this kind is undesirable and unwise as a matter of policy. This conclusion is entirely apart from any determination of the merits of the proposal embodied in the Bill. Impressive evidence has been submitted to me to justify the State Roads Commission assuming responsibility for at least one of the bridges. I am this day requesting the Commission to study the problem involved as to each of these bridges and arrive at its own final independent conclusion as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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