

April 15, 1957.

Hon. Louis L. Goldstein
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I have today vetoed Senate Bill 648, which authorizes clam dredging in certain waters of Kent County. As originally introduced, the bill was not so restricted. Hundreds of outstanding citizens, including a great many property owners in Kent County and local officials, have protested the signing of this bill. They particularly cite the undesirable effects of clam dredging in Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties, which has engendered substantial controversy in those localities.

Most of the protestants also point out the unfair discrimination of concentrating clam dredging only in the area of certain properties, while prohibition in other areas serves to protect shore properties there located. The question of permitting any clam dredging, even under close restriction and supervision, is becoming increasingly debatable. It appears obvious that at least there should be no discriminatory concentration whereby property in certain areas of Kent County receives complete immunity, while the entire burden is thrust upon unwilling shore front property owners in other areas.

For the compelling reasons hereinbefore cited, I have vetoed Senate Bill 648.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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House Bill No. 253—Teachers' Salary Bill

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 102, Sub-sections (b), (d), (e), and (f) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 8. Teachers' Certificates, Salaries and Pensions"; Section 153, Sub-sections (d), (e), and (i) of said Article, sub-title "Chapter 11. County Superintendent of Schools"; and Section 213 of said Article, sub-title "Chapter 19. Source and Distribution of Income", providing for the minimum schedule of salaries to be paid to public school teachers, principals, supervising teachers, and other personnel in this State for the school year 1957-58 and thereafter; making general provision for the details of such salary payments; and generally amending the laws of this State concerning public school teachers AND STATE AID TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; TO ADD SUB SECTIONS (C 1) AND (F 2) TO SECTION 283 OF ARTICLE 81 OF SAID CODE (1951 EDITION AND 1956 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "REVENUE AND TAXES", SUB TITLE "INCOME TAX", TO FOLLOW RESPECTIVELY AFTER SUB SECTIONS (C) AND (F 1) THEREOF; TO REPEAL AND RE ENACT, WITH AMEND-