

House Bill No. 601—Unexpended Funds for Capital Expenditures

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Budget and Procurement", sub-title "Budgetary Administration", amending the laws concerning the disposition of unexpended funds from the issue of certificates of indebtedness for certain capital expenditures and relating generally to capital expenditures, certificates of indebtedness and the disposition of the proceeds of such certificates of indebtedness.

May 4, 1959.

Honorable Perry O. Wilkinson
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

After consultations with the Budget Director and others, I find it necessary to veto House Bill 601, passed by the recent session of the General Assembly.

In compliance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I am returning this Bill to you, along with my reasons for vetoing same.

This Bill provides for transfer of unexpended balances from certain General Construction Loan Acts to the Annuity Bond Fund. Some of the balances which would be affected have been earmarked by the Board of Public Works under the provisions of the law as currently in effect (Article 15-A, Section 3) for the undertaking of other projects. Among these projects are: The proposed Construction of an Auditorium and Rehabilitation Wing for Deer's Head State Hospital from funds in the General Construction Loan of 1952; Construction of a New Access Road to Henryton State Hospital, from funds in the General Construction Loan of 1949, to which supplementary funds are added in the General Construction Loan of 1959; Participation by the State in the Construction of a Sewage System for the Town of Princess Anne, by reason of the location of Maryland State College in Princess Anne, from funds in the General Construction Loan of 1949, which were supplemented by legislative action in the General Construction Loan of 1959; Construction of a Wing to the Existing Dining Hall at the Maryland Penitentiary from funds in the General Construction Loan of 1949 and the General Construction Loan of 1951; Construction of an Administration and Research Building for the Department of Research and Education at Solomons Island from funds in the General Construction Loan of 1951, which have been supplemented by funds in the General Construction Loan of 1959.

Since all of these, and other projects planned from unexpended funds, are worthy and necessary, it would seem to me unwise to permit the reversion of these funds. This is particularly so when considering that new appropriations would have to be requested in future years for these projects, with the attendant loss of time and funds in the payment of design fees. These results of House Bill 601, together with the advice of the Attorney General that the affected unexpended funds must be committed by 1 June 1959, prior to the