

This particular Bill pertains to the Board of Natural Resources. Its primary purpose was to increase the size of the Board, increase the terms of the Board members from four to eight years, and to change the method of selecting the Chairman of the Board.

Lines 36 through 47 on page two of the Bill sets forth the terms of office of the members of the Board and, generally, the method of appointing them. Upon reading this particular language of the Bill, it occurred to me that, as a practical matter, it is impossible to comply with the language contained therein.

The provisions include appointments to the Board for staggered eight year terms. However, in order to comply with the language in a portion of this Bill, seven of the intended eight appointments would have to be made for terms of less than eight years, and the Bill does not provide the machinery and procedure for such appointments.

I have been advised by the Attorney General's office that, although the Bill meets the necessary legal requirements, as to form, it should be vetoed since it is impossible to comply with its language.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

JMT/LLS/rnb

*Which was read and journalized.*

Vetoed by the Governor May 8, 1961

House Bill No. 342—By Mr. White:

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with Amendments, Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "In General", sub-heading "Board of Natural Resources", relating to and clarifying the composition of the Board of Natural Resources, and to the selection of its chairman, relating to the terms of members of the Board of Natural Resources, and to the powers and duties of the Board and of its chairman.

The Speaker put the question: Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

AFFIRMATIVE—NONE

NEGATIVE

Messrs.—

Speaker, Combs, Fowler, Boyer, Joiner, Brockmeyer, Larrimore, McNulty, Melvin, Ridout, Whitmore, Dowell, Hance, Linton, Mitchell, Boone, Culver, MacDaniel, Maguire, Staten, Tyler, Harrison, Latham, Lowe, Long, Parks, Quinn, Bennett, Corkran, Matthews, Merryweather, Burkley, Harris, Mackie, Garbelman, Machen, Nichols, Sasscer, Sickles, Eaton, Risley, Hickman, Pilchard, Polk, Collins, Houck, Smelser, Utterback, Virts, Getz, Hess, Moore, Davis, Blades, Wise, Bullock, Dembowski, Kosakowski, Nowakowski, Silk, Walters, Antonelli Behounek, Hedrick, Holub, Panuska, Urban, Acker, Brooks, Curran, Gallagher, McNeal, O'Malley, Abramson, Dixon, Friedman, Robinson, Rombro, Welcome, Cardin, Mandel, Resnick, Silver, Stark, Baumann, Baynes, Bittner, Corrigan, McGuirk, Myers, Cohill, Coss, Geiger, Huyett, Mason,