

gross weight limitations, the operator of the truck will not be arrested if the load can be shifted.

I have discussed this matter with the members of the State Roads Commission and they advise me that the enactment of Senate Bill 186 will encourage, if not promote, careless loading practices which could do major violence to Maryland highways and, in particular, to certain older bridges.

The limitation of axle weights is basically for the protection of highway surfaces and individual spans of a bridge. A vehicle that has been operated with an overweight axle prior to its being weighed and detected has placed unreasonable stresses on the highways surfacing and any bridges crossed enroute. The re-positioning of the load after the violation has been detected does not, in any way, make amends for the damage created.

For the foregoing reasons, I feel compelled to veto Senate Bill 186 and return this Bill to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

House Bill No. 170—Race Track Licenses and Licensees

AN ACT to add new Section 10A to Article 78B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Racing Commission," subtitle "In General," to follow immediately after Section 10 thereof, to require the refusal of licensing or the revocation or suspension of licensing of race track licensees in this State who are licensed for racing in any adjoining state or where there is identity of officers OR THEIR FAMILIES among licensees in this State and adjoining states; and providing also for the enforcement of this Act.

April 7, 1964

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I am returning herewith House Bill No. 170 which has been vetoed by me today.

House Bill No. 170 directs the Maryland Racing Commission to refuse to license, or to suspend or revoke the existing license of, any person, persons, association or corporation which is or are licensed in any "adjoining" state for the conduct of racing in such other state. The prohibition of the Bill is made expressly applicable where a majority of the officers of any association or corporation licensed for racing in Maryland, or the owners of a majority of the stock of any such association or corporation, or the "families" of such officers or