

Honorable William S. James
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis, Maryland

April 7, 1964.

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 186 and I am returning this Bill to you along with my veto message.

In substance, Senate Bill 186 provides that if any axle of a truck is overloaded but the gross weight of the truck is not in excess of the 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.

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

Affirmative

Senators—

Alton, Dean, Derr, Dorf, Graham, Gude, Hall, Hughes (G.), Malkus, Nock, Parran,
 Roney, Sanford, Snyder. Total 14.

Negative

Senators—

President, Bertorelli, Clark, Curran, Hepbron, Hodges, Hughes (H.), Mach, North,
 Phoebus, Pine, Raley, Weant, Welcome, Wheatley. Total 15.

The President announced the veto was sustained.