

stitution, I am returning herewith House Bill 85, 1965 Session, which has been vetoed by me today.

This Bill would modify the requirements necessary for a person committed to Patuxent Institution as a defective delinquent to file a petition for Court review of his status as a defective delinquent by reducing the necessary period of total actual confinement from two-thirds to one-third of his original sentence, or five years, whichever is shorter.

The Chairman of the Board of Patuxent Institution has recommended that the Bill be vetoed. He points out that the present rule of two-thirds was inserted in the law by an Act of the 1961 Legislature pursuant to the recommendation of a Commission appointed by the Legislative Council to recommend changes in the statute. It was the result of careful study by a Commission under the chairmanship of Judge Roszel C. Thomsen which recommended that the rule of two-thirds would protect the interests of the inmate and avoid the unnecessary consumption of staff members' time in Court, as well as the time of the Courts.

He further points out that neither he nor representatives of Patuxent Institution were afforded an opportunity to present their views to the committees of either House which considered the Bill.

I have recently appointed a Commission, upon which representatives of both Houses of the Legislature are serving, to consider further changes in the statute relating to Patuxent Institution with a view to proposing amendments at the next session of the General Assembly. A former Commission that was appointed by me last year has made tentative recommendations but has recommended that its membership be broadened in view of the importance of the subject. I have followed that recommendation by appointing a new Commission to continue the study.

In view of the foregoing, I am constrained to veto House Bill 85 since, in my opinion, it constitutes so-called piecemeal legislation which should have the benefit of consideration by the present study committee before its enactment into law.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,  
Governor.

*Which was read and journalized.*

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

**Affirmative**

Delegates—

Boyer, Bertier, Weidemeyer, Benner, McCurdy, McMillan, Rush, Stone, Harrison, Latham, Matthews, Burkheimer, Emanuel, Goodman, Hart, Marshall, McDonough, Hickman (C. M.), Hardwicke, Walter, Lapidés, McCourt, O'Connell, Palmisano, Mitchell, Young, Resnick, Stark, Spence, Anderson, Blondes, Bresler, Doing, Gore, McAuliffe, McInerney, Miller, Hanna, Warfield.

Total—38