O'Malley, Abramson (J.), Abramson (M.), Alpert, Epstein, Resnick, Stark, Baynes, Corrigan, McGuirk, Murphy, Wheatley, Dillon, Tingle, Anderson, Blondes, Bresler, Cook (E. P.), Doing, Gore, Miller, Evans, Reed, See, Williams, Hale, Hanna, Warfield, Long (J. J.), Lowe (H. W.), White, Bray, Groves.

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.

House Bill No. 1146—Burial Cost for Veterans

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 4 of Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Veterans," subtitle "Relief Fund," to provide for State contribution to the burial cost of veterans.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 4, 1965.

Honorable Marvin Mandel Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis. Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1146, 1965 Session, and I am returning this bill to you along with my veto message.

This bill amends Section 4 of Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland to provide for State contribution to the burial cost for veterans.

I have been advised by the State Department of Budget and Procurement that had this bill been in effect last year it would have cost the taxpayers of Maryland in excess of \$180,000. It has also been pointed out that the Federal government already contributes \$250.00 toward funeral expenses of veterans.

It does not appear to me that sufficient public benefit would result from the enactment of this bill to justify the expenditure of public funds in the amount required.

Because of the above stated reasons, I feel compelled to veto House Bill 1146.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES, Governor.

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

Affirmative

Delegates-

Briscoe, Fowler, Joiner, Bertier, Duvall, Fallon, Helms, Larrimore, McNulty, Weidemeyer, Benner, Dowell, Linton, Perrin, Bossle, McCurdy, McMillan, Medairy, Peters, Rush, Spurrier, Stone, Bennett, Matthews, Spicer, Conroy, Dentz, Dorman,