

May 6, 1966.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 130.

The Bill would prohibit the Game and Inland Fish Commission from taking wild birds, animals or fish from privately owned land without the permission of the owner or his tenant or agent.

The Department of Game and Inland Fish has urged me to veto this Bill for the reasons outlined in a letter from the Director of the Department, dated May 6, 1966, a copy of which is attached hereto and is made a part of my veto message.

For the reasons set forth in said letter, I feel compelled to veto Senate Bill 130.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

Letter from Department of Game and Inland Fish on S. B. 130.

May 6, 1966.

The Honorable J. Millard Tawes
Governor of the State of Maryland
Annapolis

Dear Governor Tawes:

The Game and Inland Fish Commission, at its regular Quarterly Meeting held in Annapolis on April 9, 1966, directed that I communicate with you requesting the veto of Senate Bill Number 130, for the following reasons:

The primary reason for this Bill is to require the Department of Game and Inland Fish to obtain permission from the owner or his tenant or agent prior to capturing or otherwise transporting wild birds, wild animals, or fish off privately owned lands. I wish to bring to your attention that Section 132(b) of Article 66C states in part that it *shall be unlawful for any person to place any trap, net or snare on the property of another without their written permission*; and that Section 198 of Article 66C states in part that the Director can issue permits for individuals to trap, provided, of course, said individuals are abiding by present statutes and *permission is obtained from private landowners*.

Inasmuch as the above mentioned Sections specifically cover the removal of wildlife, it is a logical conclusion that Senate Bill Number 130 is superfluous.