

The Bill also proposes to revise Section 218, which in substance eliminates the authority of this Department to procure fish from private inland waters. Again, we respectfully call to your attention that we have never taken any fish from private waters except with the explicit permission of the landowner.

There are two problems I can foresee with the enactment of this particular piece of legislation:

1. At the present time we are in the process of expanding the range of our native wild turkey, and we must trap these birds in one area and release them in another in order to do so. A situation could arise, as it has in some of our Southern States, where a landowner refuses to allow the Department to trap the birds where they have been established, and one or two landowners could put a terrific crimp in this program.

2. An outbreak of rabies could occur which, as you know, would not only damage livestock, but could cause considerable suffering and even death to humans if not properly handled. Any landowner who would not allow us to trap wildlife could throw up such a barrier that it would cause a serious problem in taking care of the situation.

We wish to make the strong plea that since the inception of early English law, the wildlife has always belonged to the State, and, therefore, in order to manage and protect same, it is necessary that we utilize these resources, both fish and game, in the best interests of all of the people of the State. On this basis, and for the foregoing reasons, we urgently request that you veto Senate Bill Number 130.

Sincerely yours,

(s) GEORGE B. SHIELDS,

Director.

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### Senate Bill No. 266—Calvert County—Court Reporter

AN ACT to add new Section 111 (a-1) to the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County (1963 Edition, being Article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Calvert County," subtitle "Circuit Court," to follow immediately after Section 111 (a) thereof, as last amended by Chapter 296 of the Acts of 1965, to provide for an official court reporter for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, providing salary and making provision for payment of same.

May 6, 1966.

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have today vetoed Senate Bill 266 and, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I am