

The title of the Bill indicates the purpose of this amendatory legislation is to authorize the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to designate buying stations where oysters and clams may be sold by the catcher and to make it unlawful for a catcher to sell or a buyer to buy oysters and clams from a catcher at any place other than such designated buying stations. The body of the Bill incorporates an amendment which creates a clear exception to this general language, whereby any person may legally buy clams any place in Maryland from the catcher thereof for such person's own consumption or use as bait, but not for resale, subject to certain conditions.

In my view, the latest amendment incorporated in the Bill so clearly conflicts with the title and the title is in consequence thereof so clearly misleading, that I am unable to approve this Bill as to form and legal sufficiency. In this respect, this Bill fails to meet minimum constitutional requirements.

Sincerely yours,

(s) FRANCIS B. BURCH,

Attorney General.

Senate Bill No. 372—By the President:

AN ACT to add new Section 706 (d) to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Oysters and Clams", to follow immediately after Section 706 (c) thereof, to authorize the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to designate buying stations where oysters and clams may be sold by the catcher and making it unlawful for a catcher to sell or a buyer to buy oysters and clams from a catcher at any place other than such designated buying stations.

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

The President announced the veto was sustained by roll call as follows:

Affirmative—None

Negative

Senators—

Mr. President, Anderson, Bailey, Bertier, Bertorelli, Bishop, Brubaker, Byron, Clark, Connolly, Conroy, Curran, Dean, Dorf, Emanuel, Finney, Friedler, Gore, Hall, Hart, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes (G.), Hughes (H.), Lapidus, Lee, Malkus, Manning, Mitchell, McCourt, McGuirk, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland.

Total—43

May 4, 1967.

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today Senate Bill 400 and am returning it to you.