

First, it would supplement a prior very substantial authorization of \$50 million, certainly a heavy present investment in hospital expansion.

Next, even though the hospitals affected would eventually repay loans under the program, initial debt service would involve the State property tax which our fiscal reform and pay-as-you-go programs are attempting to reduce.

Finally, the bill and its predecessor give more favorable treatment to private hospital loans than to similar grants for public school construction. Counties are required to repay school loans within the bond term, whereas the hospitals are given a much greater length of time, 25 years, to amortize the indebtedness.

In my opinion, the entire matter of extending State credit in these private areas should be thoroughly restudied. The conventional long-range needs of the State are so overwhelming that its credit must be preserved for its designated responsibilities.

For these reasons I am compelled to veto the bill.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

Senate Bill No. 482—By Senators H. Hughes and Pine.

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) for the purpose of aiding in the financing of certain loans to be made to voluntary nonprofit hospitals upon completion of the construction, expansion, relocation, replacement or modernization of their hospital buildings, facilities, and equipment; providing generally for the terms and conditions of creating this debt and for expending funds thereunder; providing generally for the issue and sale of certificates evidencing this loan; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 568F (a) and (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Maryland Hospital Commission," to change the conditions and procedures for repayment of State loans made to nonprofit hospitals, to change the basis for determination of the rate of interest to be charged upon the repayment of a hospital loan, and to provide for the effect of these changed conditions on loans approved prior to the effective date of this Act.

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

The President announced the veto was not sustained by roll call as follows:

#### Affirmative

Senators—

Mr. President, Bertier, Bertorelli, Brubaker, Byron, Clark, Connolly, Conroy, Curran, Dean, Dorf, Emanuel, Finney, Hart, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes (H.), Lapidés, Lee, Malkus, Manning, Mitchell, McCourt, McGuirk, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland. Total—35

#### Negative

Senators—

Anderson, Bailey, Bishop, Friedler, Gore, Hall, Hughes (G.), Steffey. Total—8