

in a fashion that could produce results not considered. The Commission has informed me that it can take no position on the bill since it has not had the time to study its provisions and their effect.

The sole purpose of the bill, according to its sponsors and members of both County Administrations, is to comply with certain Federal Highway regulations. A check of the regulations cited by the proponents indicates that they are still tentative and not yet adopted. Furthermore, the regulations seem to require *State* regulation of utilities along the highways and provide for *State* agreement with local authorities to see that the regulations are carried out. Further still, even if it is assumed that the County must comply with the regulations for Federal money, I do not believe that this justifies a State law as poorly drafted and hastily enacted as this one. The State is always willing to cooperate with the Federal Government when the reasons for the cooperation are clear and the State has adequate advance notice to tailor its laws in a way to create the fewest difficulties possible. The utility companies assure me that they will also cooperate in order to be sure that the State receives its share of Federal funds. But in no case should a law of such far reaching effect be pushed through at the insistence of Federal Authorities without notice to all those affected.

Senate Joint Resolution 8, passed at the 1968 Session, asks for a study of the laws of the Public Service Commission by the Legislative Council. It seems sensible to ask the sponsors of this measure to refer this bill to the Council for study at the same time. I also pledge the cooperation of this office with County authorities to make certain that no Federal funds are lost in the interim.

For the above reasons I am compelled to veto this measure.

Sincerely,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

House Bill No. 90—Nursing Home Loan

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 2, 6 and 7 of Chapter 652 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1966, to correct errors in the Nursing Home Loan of 1966 authorizing the issuance of bonds by the State of Maryland for the purpose of aiding in the construction of nursing homes in the State of Maryland.

May 7, 1968.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today House Bill 90 and am returning it to you.