MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read the following message from the Governor:

Austin, Texas, June 24, 1937.

To the Members of the Forty-fifth Legislature: (In First Called Session)

I am disapproving and vetoing the following items of House Bill No. 1. Acts of the First Called Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature, which was received by me at the Governor's Office on June 21, 1937, for the following reasons, to-wit:

1.

Section 6, page 6, for the reason that the appropriation of $3,000.00 made to the Board of Water Engineers for the purpose of securing necessary and adequate quarters is inadequate to secure sufficient space as is required by such Board. Furthermore, it is only a question of a short time until the State will be required to build an office building to house the already overcrowded State buildings, together with other departments that are now occupying rented quarters. I think the Highway Department should be willing to be a little crowded along with the other departments of State.

2.

Section 7, Subsection b, page 7. The appropriation for the Textbook Administration Division of the State Board of Education was vetoed by me in the general appropriation bill of the Forty-fifth Legislature in Regular Session at the request of the State Board of Education. I, therefore, for the same reason veto Section 7, Subsection b, page 7, which seeks to correct an erroneous repetition in such Textbook Administration Division which has been vetoed by me as aforesaid.

3.

Section 15, page 10. The law permitting race track gambling has been repealed and I vetoed the appropriation for the Racing Commission for the ensuing biennium. I, therefore, veto and disapprove said Section 15, page 10, which is an amendment to the appropriation for the Texas Racing Commission which was contained in S. B. 138, Regular Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature, which was by me vetoed and disapproved as aforesaid.

4.

Section 20, page 13, being an appropriation to the State Treasurer for the purpose of making refunds. I doubt the validity of this provision, which authorizes the State Treasurer to return funds that have been deposited in the Treasury without an Act of the Legislature, which would appear to me to be the best method of correcting any errors made.

I am approving said House Bill No. 1, subject only to the items specifically vetoed in this message, and a copy of this message vetoing said specific items in House Bill No. 1 is ordered to be attached to the bill and filed with the Secretary of State.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES V. ALLRED,
Governor of Texas.