Veto No. 1994-6

HB 1248

December 27, 1994

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I hereby publicly proclaim and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth my disapproval of House Bill 1248, Printer's No.4354, entitled "An act establishing the Zoological Enhancement Fund; providing for transfers from the Motor License Fund; and making an appropriation."

This bill would create the Zoological Enhancement Fund as a special fund in the Treasury Department. The fund would be composed of such funds which may be generated by the sale of special zoological registration plates and transferred from the Motor License Fund to the Zoological Enhancement Fund.

Article VIII, § 11 of the Constitution does not permit the use of monies in the Motor License Fund to be used for any other purpose than solely for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of and safety on public highways and bridges and other related incidental costs and expenses, as well as for the repayment of debt incurred for such purposes. Moreover, the Constitution expressly prohibits money from being transferred from the Motor License Fund for any other purposes other than the highway and bridge purposes permitted by the Constitution.

This bill attempts to do exactly that which is prohibited by the Constitution. For this reason, I hereby withhold my signature from House Bill 1248, Printer's No.4354.

ROBERT P. CASEY