Veto No. 12

SB 904

October 2, 1975

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I return herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 904, Printer's No. 1071, entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to sell and convey a tract of land situate in Harrison Township, Allegheny County to the Allegheny Ludlum Industries, Inc."

The bill is unnecessary because the land it conveys has already been patented to Allegheny Ludlum, Inc., by operation of the Pennsylvania Public Lands Act. That act provides a complete and fair administrative procedure for the awarding of public lands. Therefore legislative action as envisioned in Senate Bill 904 is not only unnecessary, but would add uncertainty and confusion to the status of current procedures.

In addition, the provision in the bill fixing consideration for the conveyance differs substantially from present law. While present appraisal procedures may require substantial revision, any revision should address the act as a whole and not one specific conveyance.

For these reasons, I must withhold my approval of Senate Bill No. 904.

MILTON J. SHAPP