Veto No. 1990-10

SB 1673 December 17, 1990

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

I hereby publicly proclaim and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth my disapproval of Senate Bill 1673, Printer's No.2300, entitled "An act amending the act of May 27, 1937 (P.L.926, No.249), entitled, as amended, 'An act relating to the manufacture, repair, renovating, cleansing, sterilizing, and disinfecting of mattresses, pillows, bolsters, feather beds, and other filled bedding, cushions, upholstered furniture and bulk materials intended for use in such products intended for sale or lease, and to the sale or lease thereof; requiring the placing of tag and adhesive stamp on such material; providing for the sale of adhesive stamps; authorizing and requiring the Department of Labor and Industry to adopt rules and regulations; providing penalties; and repealing certain acts,' further regulating fees, registration, duties and penalties."

This bill deletes specific fees found in the Bedding and Upholstery Law and allows the Department of Labor and Industry to set new fees by regulation. These fees are paid to the Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety within the Department of Labor and Industry.

Although the bill intended to preserve existing fees until the Department of Labor and Industry could put new fees in place, a technical error in the drafting actually repeals these fees without providing for interim fee collection. Since the regulatory process is a lengthy one, the Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety would be unable to collect fees after the effective date of this act and would stand to lose almost \$400,000 annually. By withholding my approval from Senate Bill 1673, the Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety will be able to continue to collect the current fees and the technical error can be corrected in the new legislative session.

For this reason, I am withholding my approval from Senate Bill 1673.

ROBERT P. CASEY