

SENATE No. 522

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 18, 1931.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith return without my approval Senate Bill No. 11 entitled, "An Act permanently relieving Cities and Towns of Any Part of the Expense of maintaining and repairing State Highways."

This act makes permanent my recommendation which was adopted under Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1931, by doing away with the assessments on cities and towns for the maintenance of State highways for a period of two years. The advantage to the cities and towns created by temporary legislation is coincident with the extension of a one cent gasoline tax for a two year period.

It seems to me that it would be preferable to await the results of the temporary legislation, both as to the one cent gasoline tax and as to the relief from maintenance under the 1931 enactment before deciding as to the permanency of this law.

In any event, the enactment of this legislation is unnecessary until the next annual session and it, therefore, does not meet with my approval.

JOSEPH B. ELY.



