

HOUSE No. 4072

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, September 3, 1966.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am returning, herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 3842 entitled "An act providing for the licensing of community antenna television services by the cities and towns."

This bill gives broad authority to local licensing authorities of cities and towns, to grant an exclusive or non-exclusive antenna television service, with no limitation of any kind. An exclusive monopoly in an important branch of an industry so vital as television, with no control of rates and with no statutory regulations of any kind, surely is not in the public interest.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning the bill without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

