

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April 14, 1939.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 1263, An Act relative to the retirement allowance of J. M. Nolan, a former employee of the City of Cambridge.

Mr. Nolan was retired at the age of seventy years on April 16, 1936, under the Cambridge contributory retirement system on a retirement allowance of \$480. per year. He has remained on the pay roll on full salary since this date, however, being given the difference between the retirement allowance and his former salary of \$2300. by the City. This was made possible under a section of the Cambridge law and with the approval of the Mayor and City Council, by the granting of yearly employment extensions.

Thus, he has already collected from the City approximately \$5400. in additional salary payments which have been denied other employees who are obliged to retire at the age of seventy years. I refer you to my message of March 13th, when I vetoed House Bill 1985, An Act relative to the retirement allowance of Harry A. Penniman, a former employee in the City of Cambridge. The same principle announced in that veto message applies now. There are many meritorious features of a sympathetic character in this case, but as I told you then, I was not and could not be in favor of special legislation which is unfair to the rank and file of our public employees. I am still of the same opinion.

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*

