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Action Is Split On Gaming Ban

By Laurence Stern
Staff Reporter

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 25—The House and Senate moved in opposite directions today on the heated issue of outlawing Maryland-licensed gambling casinos along Virginia's side on the Potomac River.

A proposed ban on the off-shore spots won tentative approval in the House without debate. Final action there is expected Wednesday. Opponents of the bill stalled action in the Senate until Wednesday.

Both Houses are acting on identical versions of the Administration-sponsored measure to outlaw gambling on ships or piers that cannot be reached on foot from Maryland's shore.

The casino controversy stems from Maryland's ownership of the Potomac river under a 326-year-old charter granted by Charles I. Slot machines are legal in Charles and St. Marys Counties but prohibited across the river in Virginia.

Under this peculiar jurisdictional situation seven off-shore casinos are now operating on piers and a ship adjoining the Virginia shore.

In a fervent appeal for quick action on the bill, its sponsor Sen. Harry T. Phoebus (R-

Somerset) declared that "what it boils down to is whether or not all those gangsters on the Potomac will go on making money and renting slot machines or whether the good people of Maryland will say they can't."

Phoebus had to force his bill out of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee by petition in order to bring it to the floor for action.

But the Senate went along with a request by Sen. Thomas B. R. Mudd (R-Charles) that action be deferred for a day while he prepares amendments.

Earlier Senators rejected 15-13 a move by Senator H. Winship Wheatley Jr. (D-Prince Georges) that the bill be returned to Committee.

Earlier the Senate gave tentative approval to two bills aimed at curtailing the power of the State Roads Commission. One would abolish the County Boards of Property Review, which act as intermediate judges of property values in cases involving the commission and others of land condemned by the commission. The other would prohibit the commission from leasing any state property along limited-access expressways for filling stations or other service facilities.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to prohibit local governments from singling out advertising for special taxes.

The House killed a bill

1958 Tags No. Until Saturday

The Department of Vehicles and Traffic war motorists yesterday no put new 1958 District cense tags on autos trucks.

They won't be legal til this Saturday, March the Department said. the meantime, cars displaying 1957 tags be ticketed.

The first of the new t were mailed last Thu day. They need not displayed until 12:01 a. April 1, but are legal d ing the entire month March.

which would have given t Board of Motion Picture C sors authority to restrict "si gestive" films to audien over 16 years of age.

Maryland U. Admission Bias Denied

Associated Press

Wilson H. Elkins, preside of the University of Mar land, says race, creed ar economic position are ng among factors considered screening prospective stu dents.

Elkins made the statemen Monday night in reply to charges made earlier in An napolis by Senator Goodmar (D-Balto, 5th).

Goodman said state univer sities are discrimination against the admission o Jews, Negroes and childre of poor parents to their professional schools. He asked the General Assembly to appoint a committee to study such discrimination.

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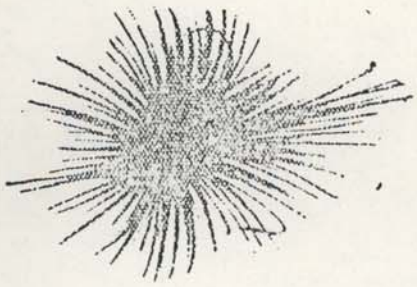
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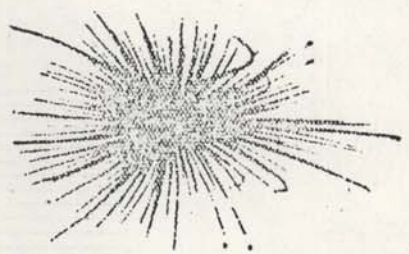
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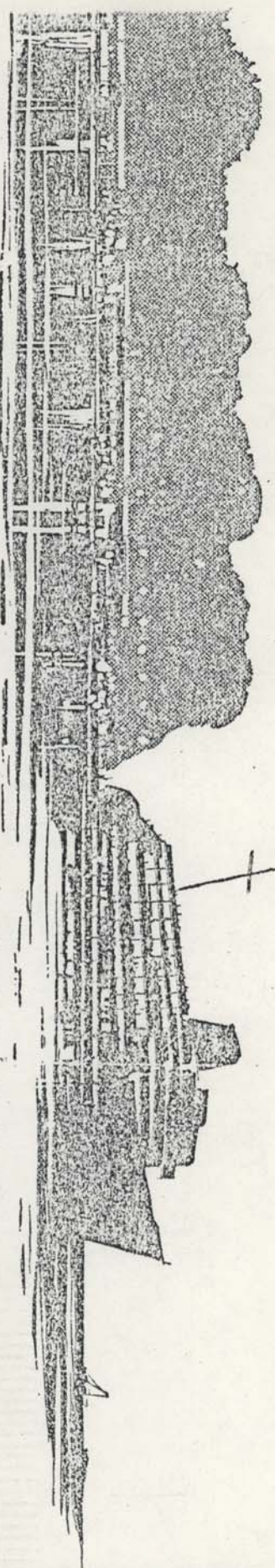
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