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**Veto Message: Governor Johnson
1957 (S.76)**

An act to create the office of State Comptroller, and to provide the Method of Appointment, Duties and Salary.

STATE OF VERMONT
Executive Department.
Montpelier, Vt., June 29, 1957

The President laid before the Senate a communication in writing from the Governor, as follows:

To the President of the Senate:

I hereby return to the Senate, unsigned and without my approval, Senate Bill No. 76 entitled "An Act to Create the Office of State Comptroller, and to provide the Method of Appointment, Duties and Salary," for the following reasons:

It is an encroachment upon the duties and responsibilities of the Governor. According to the Vermont Statutes the Governor is directed to study and review the budget of every state department or agency and by law has sole responsibility for preparation of the budget to be presented to the General Assembly of Vermont.

I believe there is unnecessary duplication of effort called for in the bill. The work outlined is an administrative function which can be best handled by the executive office and other elected officials of the State, as our laws provide.

I have made provisions in the executive budget for the employment of a person to work full-time on financial and budgetary problems. I am confident this employee would be of sufficient help to succeeding Legislative committees in explaining details of the budget and in compiling information which could be available to these committees.

JOSEPH B. JOHNSON,
Governor

Governor's Veto Sustained
S.76, 1957

The Governor's veto was sustained in the Senate:
Yeas 12 Nays 17

Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, June 29, 1957 (pages 804-805)