urged that this be done through the rule-making process. I do not believe, however, that this would be a preferable approach to further legislative consideration.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 936.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

Senate Bill No. 960 - Natural Resources - Board of Review

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Board of Review

FOR the purpose of permitting the Board of Review of the Department of Natural Resources to take evidence de novo; and permitting the Board of Review of the Department of Natural Resources to draw its own conclusions from the evidence.

May 26, 1977

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 960.

This bill enlarges the scope of review permitted to the Board of Review of the Department of Natural Resources by authorizing the Board to conduct a de novo review of an appeal from a departmental decision.

The 1969 reorganization of the State government ultimately produced an Executive Branch composed of 12 major departments, each headed by a Secretary who is responsible for the operation of his department, and who must report directly to the Governor. In addition, six of these departments have a board of review.

The statutory scope of review granted to most of these six boards is similar. The board is authorized to review a departmental decision in a contested case. The