

Mandel gets some help from pals

Some friends of Gov. Marvin Mandel are forming a committee to raise money for Mandel's legal defense against federal corruption charges.

The group has the sanction of Mandel, who has acknowledged his inability to finance his defense personally.

Two of the organizers of the effort are Hotsy Alperstein, a Washington-based businessman and University of Maryland fraternity brother of Mandel, and J. Carson Dowell, a Western Maryland businessman who has headed the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, according to Mandel spokesman Frank A. DeFilippo.

"A number of people had contacted the governor and expressed an interest in helping him finance the costs so he gets the best defense obtainable," DeFilippo said.

missionary order, which has apparently collected millions through mail solicitation but used little for direct support of its overseas missions. Before the appearance of published reports, little was known about the order's activities since it enjoys a tax-exempt status.

The House also gave its final approval Tuesday to several other measures, including a bill that would establish state floodcontrol guidelines and another to allow a Garrett County referendum on whether or not school board members should be elected.

Another bill sent to the Senate

able to do much more."

"We have succumbed and abandoned our duties as legislators when we support a bill with loopholes like this," she said.

After overwhelmingly defeating a motion to re-refer the bill back to committee, Prince Georges Democrat Gerard Devlin then told his colleagues:

"We all know this is not a perfect bill; no bill is. But this will indicate to the public our desire to close loopholes which have allowed racketeers to rip off the public."

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