

April 28, 1955

Honorable John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

At the request of University of Maryland officials including Dr. Elkins, its President, I have today vetoed House Bill 287, dealing with the authority of the University to issue revenue bonds.

This bill was introduced to remove doubts as to whether a Student Union Building in Baltimore City could include dormitory facilities. By virtue of amendments during passage, the University is prevented from accepting any contributions from the Federal Government or any other agency towards the cost of this building.

Since these emasculating amendments defeat the proposed methods of financing this building, I have concurred in the recommendation of its sponsor and the advice of the Attorney General, by this veto.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor

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House Bill No. 301—Claim of Bernard Evander

AN ACT to authorize and empower Mr. Bernard Evander to bring a suit against the State of Maryland or against any Department, Board, Commission or Agency thereof on a certain claim and relating generally to the conditions and the determination of such claim.

May 9, 1955

Honorable John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 301 is special legislation authorizing Mr. Bernard Evander, a Baltimore City architect, to sue the State of Maryland for \$175,000.00 for services rendered in connection with the Chronic Disease Hospital at Hagerstown, Maryland. The bill apparently excludes any right of appeal from the judgment of the trial court. The Board of Public Works, the Department of Public Improvements, the State Law Department, the State Planning Commission, and other interested agencies and officials have given the utmost consideration to the claim of Mr. Evander. It has been thoroughly investigated and carefully reviewed at length on a number of occasions as presented by successive attorneys who have represented him.

It is needless for me to cite the historical background and basis of the government's traditional immunity from suit, at all levels. No reason or basis has been found by anyone for according obviously preferential treatment to Mr. Evander by waiving immunity in this