

I am not alone in this thinking.

I have before me a recent publication of the Council of State Governments, entitled "Planning Services for State Government."

In the study which led to the publication and in the report's preparation, the Council had the consulting services of an outstanding authority in the field, Mr. Walter H. Blucher, former director of the American Society of Planning Officials.

The report states that "experience of recent decades has indicated that a planning service loses its central focus when it is charged with such additional duties as that of administering particular programs, like housing or industrial attraction . . . Almost inevitably this type of assignment has altered the nature of the planning service, turning it into another important operating agency."

The report adds: "As an agency administering a particular program, the planning service soon becomes identified with that program and is relied upon less and less for the balanced view and objective analysis that are essential to the planning function."

It is my confident hope that you and your colleagues will agree with me as to the inadvisability of burdening the important planning arm of our Government with what surely would become a major function of promotion and administration.

Sincerely,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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House Bill No. 49—Property acquired by Military Department

AN ACT to add Section 58A to Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1951 Edition), title "Militia", to follow immediately after Section 58 thereof, authorizing the Military Department to acquire by purchase or condemnation certain real properties lying in Baltimore County adjacent to the Glenn L. Martin plant, which properties are needed for the safe operation of the Fighter-Squadron of the Air National Guard of the State of Maryland.

April 4, 1956.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, House Bill No. 49. This Bill is identical with House Bill No. 13, passed during the Special Session of the General Assembly on March 8th, and which is now Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1956.

Therefore, House Bill No. 49 is vetoed.

Sincerely,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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