

May 5, 1959.

Honorable George W. Della
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I have today vetoed Senate Bill 161 which seeks to amend Section 224 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, pertaining to the suspension and revocation of the licenses of real estate brokers.

When Section 224 was originally enacted some years ago, it had the support of realtor associations all over the State as it proposed a "good housekeeping" measure for the real estate brokerage business, in that it established safeguards to frustrate unconscionable individuals who seek to misrepresent real estate transactions to prospective purchasers. However, the amendments now proposed by Senate Bill 161 are too reactionary and result in discriminatory and unreasonable restrictions on licensees who buy or sell property as a principle.

I have, therefore, vetoed Senate Bill 161.

Respectfully,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

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Senate Bill No. 226—People's Counsel

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 15 of Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Service Commission Law", sub-title "Public Service Commission", sub-heading "People's Counsel", providing separate office, technical and clerical personnel for People's Counsel of Public Service Commission, plus funds to prosecute cases, AND RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL.

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Dear Mr. President:

I have today vetoed Senate Bill 226. This bill was passed exclusively to give to the People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission a greater opportunity for independent action by allowing him to employ from time to time such expert or technical advisers as are reasonably necessary to assist him in any particular matter or proceeding pending before the Commission. However, the bill does not accomplish what it sets out to achieve.

It has been called to my attention by various individuals skilled in matters before the Commission, and by the Baltimore City Bar Association that this bill may well destroy the basic functions of the People's Counsel, as it denies him his present privilege of consulting