

thews (R. M.), Burkheimer, Mackie, Dorman, Menes, Mothershead, Banning, Hull, King, Santangelo, Weile, Aragona, Donovan, Giordano, McDonough, Rummage, Hickman (C. M.), Hickman (R.), Houck, Remsberg, Virts, Greer, Hess, Osborne, Scarff, Hargreaves, Bonvegna, Bullock, Dypski, Krysiak, Silk, Walters, Adams (F. B.), Antonelli, Cassady, Holub, McCarty, Orlinsky, Sarbanes, Burns, Curran, Hergenroeder, Kent, Kircher, McQuade, Mooney, O'Brien, Adams (V. Q.), Brailey, Dixon, Douglass, Epstein, Lee, Cardin, Friedman, Resnick, Spector, Waxter, Baumann, Freeberger, Murphy, Rutkowski, Weisengoff, Wyatt, Donaldson, Grumbacher, Hoffman, Wright, Clarke, Cronin, Lady, McInerney, Scott, Whalen, Whitney, Becker, Bell, Blondes, Cook (E. P.), Crawford, Docter, Zander, Aitken, Wiser, Beall, Cook (N. S.), Evans, Reed, Matthews (R. C.), Yingling, Burgess, Warfield, Long, White, Aiken. Total—133

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.

May 4, 1967.

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today House Bill 855.

This bill would abolish the State Board of Library Trustees in Prince George's County and create in lieu of it a Prince George's County Library Board, to be appointed by the County's Board of County Commissioners.

It is extremely important at this time that our libraries in Maryland do not experience any lapse from the high standards established under the State system, both from the standpoint of the ability and independence of board members and the quality of services. Local control of library boards, under the general supervision of the State Library Board, would not, in my opinion, cause such a lapse, if it were accomplished in every case under a State-wide statutory policy with expressed criteria and guidelines for counties to meet in qualifying for local control.

It is unfortunate that such a State policy has not been formulated so that a county with the resources of Prince George's cannot exercise an option for local control at this time.

Nevertheless, for these reasons and because approval of this measure might encourage similar action on the part of other counties, I am compelled to veto the bill at this time.

However, I will be happy to work with legislative leaders in the coming session of the General Assembly to develop a suitable State-wide policy that I can support.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,
Governor.

Read and journalized.

House Bill No. 855—By the Prince George's County Delegation.

AN ACT to add a new Section 186A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education,"