

diately after Section 150(d) thereof, to change the manner of appointment of the members of the board of license commissioners and to fix the number of liquor inspectors for Baltimore County.

The President put the question: shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The President announced the veto was not sustained by roll call as follows:

Affirmative

Senators—

Mr. President, Bertier, Bertorelli, Brubaker, Byron, Conroy, Curran, Dean, Dorf, Friedler, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes (H.), Lee, Malkus, Manning, McCourt, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Stone, Wineland. Total—26

Negative

Senators—

Anderson, Bailey, Bishop, Clark, Connolly, Finney, Gore, Hall, Hart, Hughes (G.), Lapides, Mitchell, McGuirk, Steffey, Steinberg. Total—15

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 623 and am returning it to you.

This bill would authorize the trustees of the State retirement systems to make agreements with the State Roads Commission to lend money for the advance acquisition of rights of way for improvements of the roads system.

The Boards of Trustees of the retirement systems have unanimously and strongly urged me to veto this measure. They point out that its implementation would create "many complicated and insolvable problems"; that it entails an improper approach for the investment of retirement funds; and that present investments of the systems provide a greater return than that allowable under the bill.

The objectives of the bill are meritorious and reflect a condition for which some relief should be provided—the need for funds for advance right of way acquisitions on the basis of long-range needs planning in a period of rising land costs.

Nevertheless, this bill at best would amount to nothing more than a temporary and inadequate answer to a vital problem deserving of more attention and a more complete solution. I hope that a reasonably early proposal designed to provide a satisfactory and permanent method of financing future right of way acquisitions for the State roads system will be forthcoming.

For the present, however, I am compelled to veto this bill.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.