

provision relating to appeals to the State Courts of Appeal.

Senate Bill 1070, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1974, accomplishes the same purposes as Senate Bill 489, in addition to making several other corrections and clarifications in the laws concerning courts and judicial proceedings.

Therefore, it is unnecessary for me to sign Senate Bill 489.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor

Senate Bill No. 548 - Abandoned Railroad Property

AN ACT concerning

Transportation - Acquisition of Abandoned
Railroad Property

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Transportation, on behalf of the State, to acquire certain abandoned railroad property, giving the Secretary the right of purchase under right of condemnation, for transportation purposes under certain circumstances, limiting the power of railroad companies to dispose of such property, and relating generally to abandoned railroad property.

May 31, 1974.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 548.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to acquire, by right of condemnation, certain unused railroad property. It also grants to the Secretary a preferential right - or "right of first refusal" - to