that the Executive Order has been considered and approved by the Committee.

Sincerely, James S. McAuliffe, Jr. Chairman

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF DECEMBER 11, 1973

ENERGY CRISIS - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- WHEREAS, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage in usable energy resources; and
- WHEREAS, I further proclaimed that, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 41, Section 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1973, Second Special Session, I would promulgate reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, as I deem necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to bring the emergency situation under control; and
- WHEREAS, A substantial portion of the State's usable energy resources, particularly during the winter months, is used for heating and otherwise operating schools within the State; and
- WHEREAS, The Governor's Public School Energy Task Force, by unanimous vote of its members, has recommended that, in order to conserve such usable energy resources, the winter holidays scheduled by the schools to continue through New Year's Day be extended to include January 2nd through January 4th, 1974, inclusive; and
- WHEREAS, Substantial evidence indicates that conservation of the State's usable energy resources can be effectuated by such an extension of these school holidays; and
- WHEREAS, In view of the acute shortage in usable energy resources in the State, such conservation is reasonable and necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE