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complaint with the State Board of Ethics alleging a conflict of interest by certain State officials and employees; and providing that upon a finding that the allegation has substantial merit the Board shall investigate it.

May 26, 1977

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer 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 547.

This bill allows any person to file with the State Board of Ethics a complaint alleging conflict of interest by certain State officials and employees.

House Bill 989, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by Lieutenant Governor Blair Lee III in his capacity as Acting Governor on May 17, 1977, accomplishes the same purpose.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign Senate Bill 547.

Sincerely, Marvin Mandel Governor

Senate Bill No. 565 - District Court - Jurisdiction AN ACT concerning

District Court - Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of clarifying, ratifying, confirming, and providing that the District Court has jurisdiction in certain actions relating to forfeiture or return of moneys seized in connection with gambling and controlled dangerous substances offenses; and making this Act applicable to certain proceedings.

May 26, 1977

Hcnorable Steny H. Hoyer