

amendments were added to the bill that, in my judgment and in the judgment of the Department make it unworkable.

New section 25D(A) requires the Department to establish "Standards and procedures, including energy conservation performance guidelines for evaluating the efficiency of energy utilization for alternative energy systems in the construction of State-owned buildings." These standards and procedures must take effect by March 1, 1978.

New section 25C, also added by amendment, provides that, after July 1, 1978, a State agency may not construct a building without having secured from the Department a proper evaluation of "life-cycle cost estimates" computed by a qualified architect or engineer. In addition, construction may proceed only upon disclosing, for the building chosen, the life-cycle costs determined in section 25D and the capitalization of the initial construction costs.

The term, "life-cycle cost estimates", as used in § 25C, is defined in new section 25B, as

"the cost of initial construction and the cost of operating and maintaining the building over the life of the structure, including the cost of energy conservation measures to reduce an energy system's required capacity or fuel consumption and any other costs incidental to owning the energy system.

Further clarification of this term is provided in §25D(B) and (C), which provide how these estimates are to be calculated. The term, "energy system", as used in the definition of "life-cycle cost estimates", is itself defined in new section 25B(F).

Finally, a new section 25F was added by amendment. This provides that, "the life cycle energy cost estimate shall accompany any final plans and specifications which are submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Article 14A, Section 10."

The first problem arises from this last amendment, adding new section 25F. Presumably, the intended reference is to Article 15A, § 10, since there is no Article 14A in the Code. Section 10 of Article 15A provides:

" At the time there is submitted to the General Assembly any proposal for the appropriation of funds for a permanent or long-time construction project (generally referred to as a capital expenditure), the department, bureau, board, commission or