

I do not believe that the evils addressed by the Legislature in the enactment of the Open Meeting Law are relevant to the Board of Public Works. To my knowledge, there have been no complaints about Board procedures because all of its official actions are taken at its formal, public meetings. Senate Bill 1130, if enacted, will prevent the Board of Public Works from operating efficiently.

I am an advocate of the purposes of the Open Meetings Law. I believe that it creates the needed link between the citizens and their public officials with respect to the decision-making processes of government. But, for the reasons given, I do not believe that any preliminary meetings held by the Board of Public Works should be required to be public, even in the limited number of instances to which the Open Meetings Law would be applicable. The chaotic result which I foresee in such a policy outweighs any minimal benefit to be gained and therefore convinces me to veto Senate Bill 1130.

Sincerely,  
Blair Lee III  
Acting Governor

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Senate Bill No. 1134 - Industrial Buildings for Counties  
and Municipalities

AN ACT concerning

Industrial Buildings for Counties and Municipalities

FOR the purpose of providing that the term "industrial concern," as used with regard to "Industrial Buildings for Counties and Municipalities," includes any builder or developer who engages in the acquisition of industrial buildings for his own use, for use by any other person or entity, or for use by both, for any of the purposes permitted by that subheading.

May 29, 1978

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 1134.