

House Bill No. 1007 - Governor - Appropriations in Budget
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AN ACT concerning

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FOR the purpose of specifying the manner of appropriating in the State budget bill certain expenditures relating to the maintenance and operation of the official residence of the Governor, Government House; providing for the manner of disbursing and accounting for these expenditures of the Governor and Government House; relating to appropriations and expenditures for the Governor and Government House; and providing for an effective date.

May 29, 1978

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution of Maryland, I have today vetoed House Bill 1007.

This bill specifies the manner of appropriating in the Budget Bill certain expenditures relating to the maintenance and operation of Government House, the official residence of the Governor.

House Bill 1007 was introduced on behalf of the Governor's Salary Commission. The Commission recommended that a system be devised to provide a strict accounting of the funds used in the operation of Government House. The objective which the Commission sought is an accounting system which will be open to public scrutiny and evaluation.

I am completely in accord with the objectives and recommendations of the Governor's Salary Commission. House Bill 1007, as introduced, would have met those objectives. However, during the legislative process, amendments were added to the bill which persuaded me to veto this measure, albeit reluctantly.

As amended, House Bill 1007 requires that, beginning with fiscal year 1980, expenditures for Government House shall be appropriated by category under the heading "maintenance and operation of Government House". These include a category, added by amendment, for "personnel positions involved in the operation and maintenance of