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Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 885.

This bill addresses a timing problem that arises when a property tax credit is granted after property taxes are due on October 1 each year. In particular it requires that discounts and interest penalties for late payment of property taxes be calculated on the tax liability after any reduction resulting from the property tax credit program. It also provides that, when a credit is to be provided, interest penalties would only be charged if property taxes have not been paid after 30 days from the date of the revised tax bill or credit voucher, if the revised bill or voucher was issued after September 1.

Senate Bill 316, which I signed on May 20, 1980, addresses the same problem with which House Bill 885 is concerned, but in a manner which is preferable.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 885.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 897

AN ACT concerning

Railroads - Certification of Tracks

FOR the purpose of requiring that railroads certify to the ~~Public--Service--Commission~~ Division of Labor and Industry compliance with certain federal standards; and providing a penalty for failure to make the required certifications.

May 27, 1980

Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
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