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 549.

This bill requires a certain portion of the charge per ton of coal removed by the open-pit or strip method to be paid directly to the county fiscal authority on a certain schedule; requires the county fiscal authority to assess this charge for each ton of coal removed in the county by the open-pit or strip method and generally relates to the surcharge per each ton of coal removed by the open-pit or strip method.

House Bill 615, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1983, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 549.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Senate Bill No. 549

AN ACT concerning

Mine Reclamation Surcharge (Proposal #2)

the purpose of requiring a certain portion of the charge per ton of coal removed by the open-pit or strip method to be paid directly to the county fiscal authority on a certain schedule; requiring the county fiscal authority to assess this charge for each ton of coal removed from-the-county in the county by the open-pit or strip method; providing that unpaid mine--reclamation county surcharges are a lien on certain property under certain circumstances; providing for the attachment of the lien; and generally relating to the mine-reclamation-surcharge- the surcharge per each ton of coal removed by the open-pit or strip method.

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources Section 7-507.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY adding to