

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 10 (1985 Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly).

This bill provides that a person is not excused from testifying, under a limited grant of immunity, in a proceeding to investigate or prosecute violations of certain offenses related to the financial operations of certain savings and loan associations. Senate Bill 10, passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 28, 1985, also provides for the compelling of testimony and granting of immunity to witnesses under similar circumstances.

I have been advised by Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs in his bill review letter to me dated May 28, 1985 (copy attached) that I cannot sign both House Bill 10 and Senate Bill 10 because of irreconcilable inconsistencies contained in the bills.

Therefore, for the above reason, I have decided to veto House Bill 10.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

May 28, 1985

The Honorable Harry Hughes  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 10  
Senate Bill 10  
(1985 Special Session)

Dear Governor Hughes:

We have reviewed and hereby approve for constitutionality and legal sufficiency House Bill 10 and Senate Bill 10, legislation dealing with the grant of immunity to witnesses in connection with State investigations of certain offenses involving officers, directors, or employees of a savings and loan association. However, because, in our view, the bills are inconsistent in key respects, we recommend that only one be signed.

Both bills add a new Section 9-910 to the Financial Institutions Article. Subsection (a) of the Senate Bill provides that: