

VETOES

(G) THE COMMISSION MAY ACQUIRE, HOLD, USE, AND IMPROVE, ~~AND CONVEY~~ PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(H) THE COMMISSION MAY:

(1) ~~MAY~~ ACCEPT GIFTS OR GRANTS;

(2) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, SPEND THE PRINCIPAL AND INCOME OF A GIFT OR GRANT; AND

(3) INVEST ALL OR PART OF THE PRINCIPAL INCOME IN GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE OR ANY OTHER SECURITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

May 25, 1989

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1131.

House Bill 1131 would add four additional nonvoting members to the Maryland Housing Policy Commission. In addition to the designees of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, who are current members, this bill would allow the Chairmen of the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation Committees, and the Chairmen of the House Economic Matters and Appropriations Committees to appoint their designees.

The Housing Policy Commission currently consists of 15 voting members who represent a variety of interests affected by housing policy. They include bankers, developers, community organizations, local governments, residents of assisted housing, and public members from various regions of the State. A substantial increase in the number of legislative members seems unnecessary and might affect the delicate balance of the Commission, making it less intimate as a working group. I note that meetings of the Commission are open to the public and that