

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 341 – Virginia–Maryland–District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation – Regional Transportation Authority Study.

This bill requests the Virginia–Maryland–District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation to study the creation of a regional transportation authority.

House Bill 10, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 341.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 341

AN ACT concerning

Virginia–Maryland–District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation – Regional Transportation Authority Study

FOR the purpose of requesting the Virginia–Maryland–District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation to study, in consultation with certain governing bodies and the Maryland Department of Transportation, the issue of establishing a Regional Transportation Authority; requesting the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and their Virginia and District of Columbia counterparts to consider a certain expansion of the Commission; requesting the Commission to submit a certain ~~report~~ reports on or before ~~a certain date~~ certain dates; and generally relating to the Virginia–Maryland–District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation.

Preamble

WHEREAS, Residents in the Metropolitan Washington Region, particularly those in Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland, face the second longest daily commutes in the United States, with only Los Angeles area residents spending more time each day commuting to work; and

WHEREAS, Residents in the Metropolitan Washington Region have the highest per capita income lost because of transportation gridlock and pay nearly \$1,260 per year in higher consumer prices because of the effects of traffic congestion; and