May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 197 - Somerset County - Sale of Property - Whittington Elementary School.

This bill allows the Somerset County Commissioners to sell the property known as Whittington Elementary School to Shore Up Inc., under terms deemed appropriate by the county commissioners. It exempts the sale of the property from specified general requirements for the sale of surplus property.

Senate Bill 180, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 197.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor

## House Bill 197

AN ACT concerning

## Somerset County - Sale of Property - Whittington Elementary School

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell certain property known as Whittington Elementary School to Shore Up Inc., under terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; exempting the sale of certain property from certain general requirements for the sale of surplus property; and generally relating to the sale of county property in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article 25 – County Commissioners Section 11A(a) and (b)(1) and (5)