

acquire such property on behalf of the State, and prohibits railroad companies from selling or otherwise disposing of the property unless the Secretary has first released that preferential right.

I have been advised by various representatives of the railroad industry that they have no objection whatever to authorizing the Secretary to condemn or otherwise purchase unused or abandoned railroad property. However, they do point out that Senate Bill 548, as drafted, would give rise to numerous technical and practical difficulties in the normal disposition of their surplus properties, as well as create many uncertainties and clouds on the title to such properties.

Senate Bill 548 is a departmental bill, introduced at the request of the Department of Transportation. The Secretary of Transportation has advised me that he recently met with the affected railroad companies and that he has been assured by them of their fullest cooperation in achieving the purposes of this bill, administratively and voluntarily. On the basis of these assurances, and in light of the administrative procedures agreed to by those concerned, the Secretary concurs in the veto of this bill.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 548.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor

Senate Bill No. 706 - Senior Citizens in
Community Colleges

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Senior Citizens

FOR the purpose of providing that a resident senior citizen may enroll, without tuition charge, in certain classes offered by [[his]] a community college [[which have at least 10 regularly enrolled students]].

May 31, 1974.

Honorable William S. James