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May 31, 1972.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 685.

This bill requires the State to reimburse the subdivisions for the full cost of principal and interest payments accruing on school construction debt incurred after June 30, 1967, to finance construction contracts let prior to July 1, 1967.

As originally introduced, Senate Bill 685 required the State to share in such debt service, in an amount equal to 80% of the per pupil housed cost up to \$1,500 per pupil housed. I supported the bill in that form; and \$1,100,000 was provided in the budget for fiscal year 1972 and \$2,000,000 was provided in the budget for fiscal year 1973 to fund that expense. Repeated warnings were given that no additional funds were available for this purpose. As amended, however, the bill would entail a mandated expenditure of \$4,020,000 for fiscal year 1972, and an expenditure of \$3,957,000 for fiscal year 1973, or a total of \$7,977,000 for the two years. As noted, the budgets provide only \$3,100,000, leaving a deficit of \$4,877,000 for which no budgeted funds are available.

For these fiscal reasons, I am required to veto Senate Bill 685.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,

Governor.

Senate Bill No. 873—Commission on Judicial Reform

AN ACT to add new Sections 141, 142, 143, and 144 to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 140 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Commission on Judicial Reform," creating a six member Commission on Judicial Reform, providing for the employees and expenses of the Commission, establishing the duties of the Commission, terminating the work of the Commission by April 15, 1974, transferring remaining property of the Commission to the Board of Public Works, and generally relating thereto.

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Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 873.

This bill creates a Commission on Judicial Reform to conduct a study of the Judicial Branch of State government.