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January 4, 1983

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 6375 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO CONTROL CONDOMINIUM AND COOPERATIVE CONVERSIONS".

On December 28, 1982, I returned this bill with certain recommended amendments (see H.6817). Unfortunately those amendments, which would have allowed local governments certain controls on condominium conversions, were not adopted.

My recommended amendments attempted to seek a balance that minimized the disruption in the lives of existing tenants without foreclosing the homeownership opportunities of moderate income home buyers.

The unamended House Bill No. 6375 provides an open ended authorization to the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns to individually address the issue.

An open ended authorization could easily lead to abuses. Ordinances that would be unreasonably restrictive of housing growth are easily imagined -- a new form of snob zoning. Similarly, the lack of standards under a blanket authorization could chill new housing development.

The political pressure on this issue readily lends itself to a decision to grant municipalities an unlimited range of alternatives. But an authorization that includes the right to totally ban conversions is not in the long term best interest of the people of Massachusetts.

For these reasons I cannot sign House Bill No. 6375 into law

Respectfully submitted,  
*Edward J. King*  
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THE COMMISSIONERS OF MASSACHUSETTS

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

I am extremely pleased to have the honor to receive from you the report of the Commission on the Administration of Justice, which you have the honor to submit to the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Commission's report is a most valuable contribution to the study of the administration of justice in this Commonwealth. It contains a wealth of information and suggestions which will be of great assistance to the Legislature in its efforts to improve the present system.

I am sure that the Commission's findings and recommendations will be of great value to the people of this Commonwealth, and I am confident that the Legislature will take prompt action upon the report.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Governor

Very truly yours,  
Governor

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Governor