

July 16, 1997

Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 2521 BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER AND SENATOR EWING  
AND REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU, R. ALEXANDER, DIEZ, DIMOS, DUPRE,  
FORSTER, LEBLANC, MCCAIN, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, PIERRE, JOHN SMITH,  
STELLY, AND TRICHE

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6011(A)(2), to enact R.S. 24:38(D), (E), and (F) and Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 24:41 through 48, and to repeal R.S. 49:135 and 150.1, relative to the state capitol complex; to define the state capitol complex boundaries; to provide for the authority of the Legislative Budgetary Control Council relative to the state capitol complex; to provide for the composition, duties, and powers of the commission; to create the office of capitol complex preservation; to provide relative to security for the state capitol complex; to provide for the allocation of space within the state capitol complex; and to provide for related matters.

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 2521 is a good attempt to address the often neglected but very important need for historic preservation of the State Capitol, the Pentagon Barracks, the Old Arsenal Magazine Museum, and appropriate furnishings. Unfortunately, through inadvertence the bill was finally passed containing provisions creating a division of technical services with management jurisdiction well beyond these buildings and in conflict with legal mandates for other agencies. I have pledged to work with legislative leaders to act immediately by executive order or other means to address these goals and to assist in the development of appropriate legislation for consideration by the legislature at the earliest opportunity. For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill No. 2521 and returning the bill to you.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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