COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, PL 93-198, (the Act), the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 1-34 on first and second readings January 27, 1976 and February 24, 1976 respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on March 22, 1976. this legislation was assigned Act No. 1-97, published in the March 31, 1976, edition of the <u>D.C. Register</u>, and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c) (1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional review period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D.C. Law 1-65, effective June 8, 1976.

STERLING TUCKER Chairman of the Council

D.C. LAW 1-65

In the Council of the District of Columbia

June 8, 1975

To provide immunity to Councilmembers with regard to conduct during the course of legislative duties and other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Legislative Privilege act of 1975".

Sec. 2. <u>Definitions.</u> (a) "Council" shall mean the Council of the District of Columbia;

(b) "Legislative duties" shall include the responsibilities of each member of the Council in the exercise of such member's functions as a legislative representative, including but not limited to: everything said, written or done during legislative sessions, meetings, or investigations of the Council or any committee of the Council, and everything said, written, or done in the process of drafting and publishing legislation and legislative reports; and

(c) "Threatening letter or communication" shall mean any letter or communication which reasonably indicates an earnest intention or determination to inflict injury upon someone or something of value.

Legislative Immunity. For any speech or debate Sec. 3. made in the course of their legislative duties, the members of the Council shall not be questioned in any other place. المان جوار مرقب فيرو المقاقح ومرار الراجا با etter han son de Sec. 4. Whoever, corruptly or by threat or force, or by any threatening letter or communication, endeavors to influence, intimidate, or impede any witness in any proceeding pending before the Council, or in connection with any inquiry or investigation being had by the Council, or any committee of the Council, or any joint committee of the Council; or Whoever, injures any party or witness in his person or property on account of his attending or having attended such proceeding, inquiry, or investigation, or on account of his

testifying or having testified to any matter pending, therein; or

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Whoever, willfully removes from any place, conceals, destroys, mutilates, alters, or by other means falsifies any documentary material which is the subject of a subpoena lawfully issued by the Council, or any committee of the Council; or

Whoever, corruptly, or by threats or force, or by any threatening letter or communication influences, obstructs, or impedes or endeavors to influence, obstruct, or impede the due and proper administration of the law under which such proceeding is being had before the Council, or the due and proper exercise of the power of inquiry under which such inquiry or investigation is being had by the Council, or any committee of the Council, or any joint committee of the Council;

shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

Sec. 5. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon becoming law by operation of section 602 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

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