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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

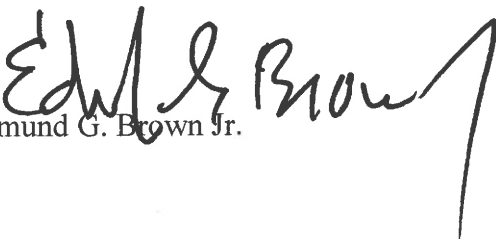
I am returning Assembly Bill 431 without my signature.

This bill makes state-owned militia armories generally available to localities for use as temporary shelters for homeless persons from October 15 through April 15 each year, subject to the approval of the Adjutant General.

Making the armories available for this purpose is a worthy goal, but this bill is unnecessary. The Adjutant General has full authority to grant local requests for temporary homeless shelters. Current law allows any city or county to use an armory within its jurisdiction for use as a temporary shelter, subject to the Adjutant General's approval.

To make sure this law is widely understood, I am directing the Military Department to place on its website information that all localities can request state militia armories in their jurisdictions be used as temporary shelters for the homeless.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.