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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 2)

Joint Resolution requesting and directing the Governor to appoint a Commission to make a study of the laws of the United States and other States and to formulate and prepare a legislative program to be submitted to the General Assembly of Maryland at its regular session in the year 1949 for the protection of democratic principles of government and ideals in this State, and for the exposure and expurgation of subversive activities in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the system of government known as totalitarian dictatorship is characterized by the existence of a single political party, organized on a dictatorial rather than a democratic basis, and by an identity between such party and its policies and the government and governmental policies of the country in which it exists, such identity being so close that the party and the government itself are for all practical purposes indistinguishable; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a totalitarian dictatorship in any country results in the destruction of free democratic institutions, the ruthless suppression of all opposition to the party in power, the complete subordination of the rights of individuals to the State, the denial of fundamental rights and liberties which are characteristic of a democratic or representative form of government, such as freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly, and of religious worship, and results in the maintenance of control over the people through fear, terrorism and brutality; and

WHEREAS, there exists a world communist movement which, in its origins, its development, and its present practice, is a world-wide revolutionary political movement whose purpose it is, by treachery, deceit, infiltration into other groups (governmental and otherwise), espionage, sabotage, terrorism, and any other means deemed necessary, to establish a communist totalitarian dictatorship in all the countries of the world through the medium of a single world-wide communist political organization; and

WHEREAS, the direction and control of the world communist movement is vested in and exercised by the communist dictatorship of a foreign country; and

WHEREAS, the communist dictatorship of such foreign country, in exercising such directions and control and in furthering the purposes of the world communist movement, establishes or causes the establishment of, and utilizes, in