

Department of the Patuxent Naval Air Station Annex property in Calvert County and to initiate studies leading to a determination of the best usage of the Annex property by the State of Maryland.

The United States Navy Department is scheduled to abandon in June of 1963 the Patuxent Naval Air Station Annex located adjacent to Route 2 and extending westerly to the Patuxent River several miles above Solomons in Calvert County. Even though the Annex is to be declared abandoned, it is possible that several years could elapse before this property would be declared surplus and become available for acquisition by the State of Maryland.

This property of approximately 229 acres is improved by a water system, a fire department building and other public buildings, and many residences and other permanent structures. There are many readily apparent and desirable uses for improved property of this size by the State of Maryland, and it is desirable to begin now to initiate steps leading to its acquisition from the United States and determination of its best use. Without any detailed investigation of the property, it would, for example, seem to be desirable for use as a higher education facility in conjunction with or as a branch of the University of Maryland.

Utilization of the property by the State of Maryland would help to alleviate the condition of business and employment in Calvert County, which was declared last fall by the President of the United States as a distressed area because of unemployment; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the General Assembly urges the Board of Public Works to initiate discussions with the United States Navy Department to determine the status and availability of the Patuxent Naval Air Station Annex property in Calvert County for use by the State of Maryland; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Board of Public Works is further urged to initiate studies by the State leading to a determination of the best usage of this property by the State; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this resolution are BE sent to the Governor of Maryland, the Comptroller of Maryland and the Treasurer of Maryland.*

Approved March 14, 1963.

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(Senate Joint Resolution 4)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a special commission to study rising hospital costs in those private hospitals which receive State appropriations.