

No. 10

(Senate Joint Resolution 12)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a Commission to study the possible State recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the "Star Spangled Banner" by dedicating a week to the anniversary celebration with appropriate activities.

WHEREAS, 1964 will mark the passage of 150 years since Francis Scott Key saw our flag flying over Fort McHenry "in the dawn's early light" on September 14, 1814, and then penned our immortal National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, celebrations will undoubtedly be staged in Maryland to indicate the pride we take in the fact that Fort McHenry in Maryland was the birth place of our National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate for the State of Maryland to officially recognize the anniversary celebration of the creation of the "Star Spangled Banner"; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the General Assembly requests Governor J. Millard Tawes to appoint a Commission to study the possible methods of State recognition of the anniversary, including the dedication of a week to anniversarial ceremonies and the scheduling of appropriate activities on the part of the State and its citizens.*

Approved March 14, 1963.

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No. 11

(House Joint Resolution 19)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a committee to review the need for a standard of degradability in waste treatment systems for detergent materials and to recommend a standard of and method for determining such degradability.

WHEREAS, the discharge of detergent wastes and detergent residues from a variety of sources, including domestic, institutional, municipal, and industrial, constitutes a serious and increasing water pollution hazard in the waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, the most commonly used surfactant present in detergents today (alkyl benzene sulfonate) is not readily degraded in standard waste treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, the leading manufacturers of soaps and detergents in the United States are actively engaged in research on detergent surfactants which would be more readily degraded by standard waste treatment methods; and