

WHEREAS, these conditions should be called to the attention of the appropriate Federal officials who are concerned with safety of working conditions of longshoremen and stevedores so that steps can be undertaken to alleviate the danger which exists; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Federal safety officials are urged to take necessary action to safeguard the working conditions of longshoremen and stevedores in the port of Baltimore; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution are sent to the Federal Safety Commission, to Arthur Mottley, Safety Division, Department of Labor, both in Washington, D.C. and to Senators Beall and Brewster and to Congressmen Fallon, Friedel, Garmatz, Lankford, Long, Mathias, Morton and Sickles.*

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No. 17

(House Joint Resolution 40)

House Joint Resolution making application to the Congress of the United States for the calling of a Convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Wesberry v. Sanders* has held in effect that an overwhelming majority of the congressional districts in the several States of the Union do not conform to constitutional requirements with respect to the comparative number of voters and inhabitants in these districts.

As a result of this decision, it now becomes apparent that in the absence of legislative action to the contrary, the size and the boundaries of the congressional districts throughout the country may ultimately have to be determined by the Federal Courts.

These proposals should be resolved by legislative and not judicial action. They concern problems which until recently were described by the courts as "political," and for this reason should be the responsibility of the legislative branch of the government.

There is much speculation throughout the country as to the precise guide lines that should be followed on the matter of the size of boundaries and congressional districts. These questions could speedily be resolved by an amendment to the Federal Constitution, which, once and for all, would resolve the problem of congressional districts and establish the necessary guide lines as to their size and boundaries.

For these reasons, it is vital that under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the legislatures of the several states should unite in an application to the Congress of the United States requesting that body to call a convention for proposing