

cannot be expected to pursue its financing unless greater interest on the part of the other counties of the basin is shown; and

WHEREAS, the experience of Prince George's County under the Watershed Act has shown that some changes need to be made in it, specifically that there ought to be a permanent body created to administer the Watershed Act and to actively encourage its implementation; and

WHEREAS, for these purposes it is desirable that a Gubernatorial Commission be appointed to encourage use of the Watershed Act and to consider what legislative changes in it are necessary; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland is requested to appoint a Commission of interested persons for the dual purpose of considering means of implementing the purposes of the Patuxent River Watershed Act of 1961 so that the river basin will be protected from the effects of pollution and of proposing a permanent organization to administer the Watershed Act and to further its purposes of preserving the natural state of the river basin; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Commission is requested to submit its report and recommendations to the General Assembly prior to the convening of the 1966 General Assembly; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Commission should be composed of at least one member of the General Assembly from each of the counties lying in the Basin—Howard, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Montgomery, Charles and St. Mary's—and at least one citizen resident in each of these counties, with its Chairman designated by the Governor; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, to the Boards of County Commissioners of Howard, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, to the County Council of Montgomery County, to the County Executive of Anne Arundel County, to the Chairman of the National-Capital Park and Planning Commission and to the Director of the State Department of Forests and Parks.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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No. 33

(House Joint Resolution 38)

House Joint Resolution requesting studies to meet the problem of reduced national defense expenditures in the State of Maryland.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland are concerned over the current reductions in the rate of national defense expenditures in the State of Maryland. This State has been a heavy participant in military and national defense contracts and the current cutbacks in these programs are causing economic and social difficulties.