

(b) If, after the preliminary investigation, the Committee determines sufficient grounds exist for a substantial conflict of interest, the Committee shall report its findings to the body of the legislature of which the legislator is a member, accompanied by a request that an "Investigating Committee" be established to determine if a violation of these rules has occurred.

(c) The House of Delegates or the Senate, after receiving the report, may by resolution establish an "Investigating Committee" as provided in Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The resolution shall state the Committee's purposes, powers, duties, duration, the subject matter, the scope of its investigating authority, and the number of its members. The report of the Committee and the consideration of the resolution shall be in Executive session.

~~102) Any person who knowingly files a false statement or charge with the Committee shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished pursuant to Section 87A of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, as amended from time to time).~~

~~103)~~ 102) (a) Any legislator who is in doubt as to the propriety of any action proposed to be taken by him may request the Committee to render an advisory opinion. The advisory opinion, with such deletions and changes as necessary to protect the legislator's identity, shall be filed with the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Secretary of State, and they shall be kept and indexed in relation to the subject matter for the purpose of building a body of case law.

(b) It is the sense of the members of the General Assembly that the provisions of Rules 96 to 103, inclusive, apply and are effective during any interim period when the General Assembly is not in session, to the same extent as during sessions.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the above rules are adopted; and be it further*

*Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of State.*

Approved May 17, 1971.

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No. 54

(Senate Joint Resolution 75)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Congress to take speedy action authorizing the Corps of Engineers to proceed with certain water conservation projects in the MARYLAND SUBURBS OF Washington, D. C. ~~area.~~

WHEREAS, The availability of usable water in the MARYLAND PORTION OF THE Washington Metropolitan area is approaching a level inadequate to service the growing population of that area; and