

WHEREAS, The construction of such a Trade Center in the Inner Harbor Area of Baltimore City would be beneficial to the State, the City of Baltimore, and to the Maryland Port Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Committee on Public Safety and Transportation thoroughly reviewed the status of the financial plan for the World Trade Center and urges that immediate action be taken to reach a decision concerning the plan. The Committee recommends that measures be taken to encourage private enterprise to participate in the construction in the manner now proposed to finance the construction of the World Trade Center. It is the opinion of the Committee that the importance of the World Trade Center to the economy and prestige of the State demands the highest priority be given toward completing this project; and

WHEREAS, The proposal to construct such a Trade Center has been presented to the Board of Public Works which has not taken action on said proposal, and it is essential that such action be taken without delay; therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Board of Public Works is requested to take whatever action is necessary to either approve or disapprove the proposal before it to construct a World Trade Center in the Inner Harbor Area of Baltimore City so that positive action can be initiated for its construction; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate send copies of this Resolution to the Governor of Maryland, the State Treasurer, the State Comptroller, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, and the Executive Director of the Maryland Port Authority.

* Not approved by the Governor.

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(House Joint Resolution 64)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to study the Constitutional provisions relating to the budgetary process ~~for~~ the Judicial Branch of the State government.

WHEREAS, The budget of the Judicial Branch of the State Government will undergo a significant increase during the 1972 fiscal year because of the assumption by the State of the financing of the District Court System; and

WHEREAS, Proposals to transfer to the State the Judicial functions currently financed by the counties and Baltimore City could in subsequent years result in an increase in the State budget for the Judicial Branch of Government in excess of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000); and

WHEREAS, A recent study of the Public Defender's Office has recommended the creation of a State Public Defender's office estimated