

Maryland, entitled 'Elections,' said section to follow section 83, of said Article, to be designated 'Section 83 A.'",

Which was read a second time.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Mr. Staley submitted the following

Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland to Congress in relation to the Equitable share of this State in the public lands of the United States, for the benefit of the Public Schools of Maryland,

Whereas, The public lands of the United States, the common property of the Union, 600,000,000 acres still remain unsold and undisposed of by Congress, and

Whereas, Congress has granted to twenty-seven States since the year 1803, in round numbers 68,000,000 acres of public land for common or Public Schools, and

Whereas, Congress has never granted to the State of Maryland one acre of said public lands for the benefit of her Public Schools; and

Whereas, it was chiefly because of the wisdom and sagacity of Maryland statesmen that the public lands were ceded to the Union by the several States that originally claimed them.

Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Senators and Representatives of the State in Congress, be and they are hereby earnestly requested to take such action as in their judgment will lead to the passage of an Act granting to the State of Maryland, for the use and benefit of the public schools, a just proportion of the public lands belonging to the United States.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Collins, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably, the following order: