

and resolution introduced by Senator Gorman was adopted by the Senate of Maryland, directing the Secretary of the Senate to deliver to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, two bills, one entitled "An Act to amend section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of this State," and the other being entitled "An Act to amend section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State and to provide for the submission of said amendments to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection; and

Whereas, One of said amendments proposes a radical change in the Constitutional law of the State in reference to the qualifications of voters and will have the effect of disfranchising many worthy citizens of our State; and

Whereas, Article 23 of the Declaration of Rights declares that no man ought to be taken or imprisoned or disseized of his freehold, liberties or privileges, or outlawed or exiled, or in any manner destroyed or deprived of his life, liberty or property, but by the judgment of his peers or by the law of the land; and

Whereas, said bills provide the manner in which said amendments shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection, and said bills without the signature of the Governor, as required by the Constitution of Maryland, cannot be legally committed to the custody of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals; and

Whereas, Article 44 of the Declaration of Rights, declares that the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and of this State apply as well in time of war as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good government and tends to anarchy and despotism; and

Whereas, Section 30, Article 3, of the Constitution of Maryland, provides that "*every bill*," when passed by the General Assembly and sealed with the Great Seal, shall be presented to the Governor, who if he approves it, shall sign the same in the presence of the presiding officers and chiefs clerks of the Senate and