

hereafter, to appoint committees from the various organizations herein represented to appear before any meeting which may be held for the consideration of said measures before the House of Delegates of Maryland and to advocate the prompt passage of said bills; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Canals of the House of Delegates, and also to each member of the House of Delegates.

(Signed) CHARLES G. MAGGILL,

Chairman.

Baltimore, February 27, 1904.

The Speaker (by request), presented the following

**RESOLUTION.**

BALTIMORE, February 26th, 1904.

Whereas, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Baltimore, in its efforts to increase the transportation facilities of Baltimore and thereby extend the volume and area of the trade of this city, has consistently advocated the plans for the connecting of the Wabash Railroad system with Baltimore over the route of the Western Maryland Railroad and the proposed extension of said road; therefore be it

Resolved, That we respectfully and earnestly petition the members of the General Assembly of Maryland to enact promptly all such reasonable and proper legislation as may be necessary to expediate the construction of the extension of this railroad as planned.

And do further petition the members of the General Assembly to deal with the said railroad system in the same liberal spirit that was evinced by the city of Baltimore, and our commercial and manufacturing interests at the time of the sale of the city's holding in the Western Maryland Railroad.

C. H. FORREST,

Secretary.

E. STANLEY GAREY,

President.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Canals.