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House bill entitled an Act to add an additional section to the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," prohibiting the issue of notes or obligations in place of money or loans, to be called sub-Section A.

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The President presented to the Senate the following Joint Resolutions of the City Council of Baltimore.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS :

In reference to the bill pending before the General Assembly, to compel the City of Baltimore to purchase or build a bridge over the Patapsco River.

WHEREAS, A bill has been reported to the Maryland House of Delegates, entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 220, of the Acts of 1874, entitled an Act to establish a free bridge over the Patapsco River, at or near the present site of Light Street Bridge, and to provide for free travel from Anne Arundel County to Baltimore City, &c.," and

Whereas, Said bill, under a specified contingency, compels the City of Baltimore, in conjunction with Anne Arundel County, to construct a free bridge over the middle branch of the Patapsco River, commencing at some point within the domain of Baltimore City, and extending to a point in Anne Arundel County, near the southern terminus of Light Street Bridge, at their joint expense, to maintain the same accordingly, and to levy upon the taxable inhabitants of said city and county, a sum sufficient to pay the cost of construction, not to exceed \$40,000, and the maintenance and keeping in repair said bridge; therefore

Resolved, By the Members of both Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that, while they do not at this time deem it important, or even pertinent, in the foregoing connection, to express an opinion upon the utility and expediency of having a free bridge over the Patapsco River, at the point indicated, they do not hesitate in entering their protest against the adoption of a measure, which embraces a feature that *compels* the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, irrespective of its opinion or wish upon the subject, to levy a tax upon the people of the city, without the concurrence and approbation of the recognized local authorities of the City.