In the meanwhile we recommend that the General Assembly grant the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company an extension of its franchise for an appropriate period, but under conditions which will not impair the right of the State to construct the bridge as a State undertaking should it elect to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the State Roads Commission, supplemented by such other assistance, if any, as the Governor may deem advisable, be, and it is hereby requested and directed to investigate thoroughly the practicability of a bridge or tunnel across the Chesapeake Bay; and be it further

Resolved, That, if in the opinion of the said Commission and person or persons, if any, associated with it in making this investigation, that such a bridge or tunnel should be deemed practicable from an engineering and traffic standpoint, then the said Commission, and such person or persons associated with it are hereby requested and directed to report as to the proper method of financing such a structure and a proper location for the site; and be it further

Resolved, That said Commission report its findings to the Governor as promptly as possible, in order that he may make the same public to the people forthwith, and take such further action thereon as he may deem best for the interests of the State.

Approved April 17, 1931.

NO. 23.

A Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a commission of five persons to study the tax system of the State.