

No. 8

(House Joint Resolution 12)

House Joint Resolution to establish "Constitution Day".

WHEREAS, in these troublous times, a true knowledge of the Constitution of our United States is one of the surest bulwarks for the preservation of our religious, political, economic and social liberties; and

WHEREAS, it is fit and proper that the fair State of Maryland shall be the first of the forty-eight states to establish a Constitution Day, since it was a Maryland delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Luther Martin by name, who was primarily responsible for the unanimous inclusion in the American Constitution of that provision of the New Jersey plan now known as Paragraph Two of Article Six, which provides in said paragraph that "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof * * * shall be the supreme Law of the Land;" and

WHEREAS, in this time of National emergency, the establishment of a State-wide Constitution Day would in no way compromise the preparedness effort inasmuch as the workers in factories and shops would celebrate Constitution Day with redoubled effort and increased production; and

WHEREAS, those, so placed, could avail themselves of church attendance or public participation in meetings, for an exposition of the practical and spiritual values of our National Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a State-wide Constitution Day would justify itself, if for no other reason than that, on this day, we may especially inform our children of the priceless treasure of their National heritage, so that they may be further stimulated to investigate and inquire into the content of their precious legacy; and

WHEREAS, September 17th was the month and day that our American Constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention meeting in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the year 1787; now, therefore, be it

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.