local bills requiring the time and energies of the members for their consideration and seriously reducing the efficiency with which the General Assembly can consider and act upon matters of State-wide importance; and

WHEREAS, the problems of State-wide importance which face the General Assembly are such as to require the ability and capacity of all the members without the distracting efforts now required of them in the consideration of local bills; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland perhaps introduces and considers a greater proportion of local legislation than any other State in the Union, this condition representing a sharp challenge to the General Assembly and to the entire State of Maryland; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to name a Commission composed of able and outstanding citizens of this State, three to be chosen from each Judicial Circuit to consider in detail and make recommendations upon the problem of local legislation in this State; and be it further

Resolved, That said Commission be requested to report its recommendations to the Legislative Council and to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 1952; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the State be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 7, 1951.

No. 12

(Senate Joint Resolution 12)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the planting of shells and brood stock in Chincoteague Bay.

Whereas, there is need for a practical experiment in an effort to restore the oyster productivity of the depleted bottoms in Chincoteague Bay; and

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.