

tion system set up by the State of Maryland to the bootleg industry with an accompanying disregard for law, danger to the health of its citizens, and loss of revenue to both state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, it is the considered judgment that the federal government has raised its excises beyond the optimum level consistent with the objectives of taxation and control; and has taken from the State of Maryland the power to restore the proper balance; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in order to eliminate bootlegging, restore respect for law and order, and provide adequate revenues for both state and federal governments, that the General Assembly of Maryland does hereby memorialize and petition the Congress of the United States to study the federal liquor tax policy and enact legislation reducing the present excessively high tax rate; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Secretary of State be requested to send a copy of this Joint Resolution under the Great Seal of Maryland to the members of the House of Representatives of the United States from Maryland, the United States Senators from Maryland, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and the presiding officer of the Senate of the United States.

Approved March 12, 1953.

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No. 2

(Senate Joint Resolution 5)

A Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United State to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to enable the United States Army Engineers to carry out their plan for the improvement of the Anacostia River Basin with the view to relieving the periodic flood conditions at and in the vicinity of the Bladensburg Peace Cross, Prince George's County, Maryland.

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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.