No. 24

(House Joint Resolution 32)

House Joint Resolution requesting the State Roads Commission to make certain improvements to Maryland Route 528.

WHEREAS, Maryland Route 528 is a four-lane highway 120 feet wide which runs north from Ocean City to the Delaware State line; and

WHEREAS, This highway is the only trunk route situate on the land which divides the Atlantic Ocean from Assawoman Bay: and

WHEREAS, This land between these bodies of water has in recent years become densely populated as a summer residential area, with an equal distribution of stores, motels and cottages on the Bay and Ocean sides of the highway, which is heavily traveled in the summer months; and

Whereas, The lack of lights, signs or other devices to assist pedestrians subjects them, especially women and children, to great risk when crossing such a wide and heavily traveled road; and

Whereas, The State Roads Commission plans, by 1962, to construct a concrete "island" down the middle of this highway and otherwise improve the road, nevertheless, the summer residents of the area are in grave needs of immediate improvement; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State Roads Commission be requested (1) to establish convenient intervals on Route 528 for pedestrian crossings, to be marked by painting the letters PED-X across the highway at a reasonable distance from the crossing area and by painting wide lines at right angles to the highway at the crossing area, and (2) to paint a wide line down the center of Route 528 to mark the division of north and south bound traffic; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to send copies of this Resolution to the Chairman of the State Roads Commission and to the County Commissioners of Worcester County.