

WHEREAS, This sub-committee discovered some instances in which, in its opinion, the State had gone to unnecessary expense either in providing facilities of a greater luxury than necessary or in adding "frills" which could not be justified in the expenditure of public monies; and

WHEREAS, In a formal opinion rendered to this group, the State Law Department, on September 22, 1955, ruled that there is presently power vested in the Department of Public Improvements to approve all plans and specifications for public improvements and to accept or reject any proposed plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, It also was ruled that it was the legislative intent in establishing the Department of Public Improvements to permit this agency to determine the type of materials and equipment and the methods to be used in making public improvements; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion both of the State Law Department and of the General Assembly, there is ample power already vested in the Department of Public Improvements to control the manner, type and quality of all State capital construction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Department of Public Improvements be ~~urged~~ DIRECTED and requested to use the powers already conferred upon it in the manner outlined under the ruling of the State Law Department dated September 22, 1955, in exercising a rigid control and supervision over all capital expenditures and improvement programs for the spending of State monies in order to assure that there will be no departure from the sound public policy of avoiding all unnecessary expenditures and over-luxurious facilities.

No. 19

(House Joint Resolution 10)

Joint Resolution requesting the State Roads Commission to make greater use of the sign shop facilities of State Use Industries.

WHEREAS, It has been recommended by the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters that the State Roads Commission of Maryland should be urged to make greater use of the sign shop facilities operated by State Use Industries in the Penitentiary; and

WHEREAS, The committee was informed by the Director of the State Use Industries that its sign shop is equipped to do many times the volume of sign work it now does; 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.