

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 1

(House Joint Resolution 1)

Joint Resolution urging continued appropriations by the Congress of the United States for completion of the survey of the Potomac River by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and calling for re-appointment of the Legislative Council's Special Committee on the Potomac River.

WHEREAS, In its Fourth Report to the Legislative Council, the Special Committee on the Potomac River noted that the Survey Review of the Potomac River, undertaken by the Corps of Engineers on the request of Congress in 1956, has received for the fiscal years 1958 through 1960 a total of \$730,000 in appropriations; and the District Engineer of the Corps for the Washington District has given his estimate that the survey would require total expenditures of about 1.5 millions, and could be expected to be finished in 1961; and

WHEREAS, It is self-evident at this time that the survey cannot be completed within the District Engineers' estimate of 1961, and that considering the rate of appropriations in the past a minimum of at least two more fiscal years will be required to appropriate the remaining amount of \$770,000, thus delaying completion of the survey until at least 1962; and

WHEREAS, This Committee has repeatedly stressed the urgency of swift completion of the survey of the River so that consideration may be given to the recommendations of the Corps of Engineers, which we emphasize, will require hearings by the Corps, authorization by Congress for specific projects, followed by appropriations for the acquisition of land and for construction, a matter of another five years and more before any relief for the River can be expected; and

WHEREAS, We urge our Congressional representatives to seek modification of the Senate Public Works Committee resolution of July 6, 1959 limiting the Potomac River survey to flood control, municipal and industrial water supply and pollution abatement plans in order to restore to the survey its original comprehensive concept of planning for flood control and for the development and conservation of the water and related resources of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, It would seem expedient for the appropriate officials of this State and of the other States in the Potomac River Basin to begin discussions tending to develop local participation in planning

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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.