

representatives and to each member of the Maryland Delegation in the Congress of the United States.

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No. 13

(House Joint Resolution 19)

House Joint Resolution seeking the appointment of a Legislative Council Committee to study the expenditure of funds now on hand for improvement of State-owned parks.

WHEREAS, Maryland's topography is such that its natural scenic beauty is readily accessible to great numbers of recreation-seeking people; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Maryland and the Maryland General Assembly have recognized the vast economic potential of this natural resource, and have since 1951 appropriated approximately three and three quarters millions of dollars to promote its further development; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks now owns one hundred and thirty five thousand seven hundred and fifty eight acres of land suitable for such further development; and

WHEREAS, the public demand for recreational facilities on these State owned park areas far exceeds the facilities presently developed, and the rate of development is inadequate to materially further such potential economic growth, and indeed many of our Maryland citizens, seeking such recreation as should be provided, are forced to use facilities provided liberally by our sister States enhancing their economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, of the monies appropriated by the Governor and the General Assembly, as of November 1959, two million twenty-seven thousand four hundred and sixty-eight dollars remain unexpended, some of which was appropriated in 1951 and each subsequent year thereafter, and of these unexpended funds, in many instances very small amounts have been spent from a given budget circumventing the legislative intent for such appropriation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council appoint a committee to study the necessary steps to be taken in order that an adequate program of recreational development within the monetary limits imposed by the General Assembly can be augmented, and accelerated toward the end that the citizens of Maryland will be provided with those recreational facilities within*

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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