

WHEREAS, The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is now engaged on a survey review report for the Potomac River and its tributaries, as directed by resolution of the United States Senate Committee on Public Works, adopted on January 26, 1956, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained in House Document 622 of the 79th Congress are advisable; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of Congress that the survey report contemplates preparation of a comprehensive plan for control of floods and the development and conservation of water and related resources of the Potomac Basin with major emphasis on present and future water supply and pollution abatement, and that a plan and a limited number of alternative plans be presented for the development of the water resources of the basin for all beneficial uses, present and future, and that it will present in detail, as far as possible, all structural and non-structural measures recommended to implement the plan, whether by Federal, state or local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The survey report is to be coordinated with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the National Capital Regional Planning Council and other State and Federal agencies concerned to assure full consideration of all views and requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Corps of Engineers has reported that, based on the assumption that adequate funds are made available for efficient prosecution of the survey report, it can be completed in June of 1961, with an estimated cost in the general magnitude of \$1,650,000 for the work of the coordinating agencies only; and

WHEREAS, The Potomac River Committee of the Maryland Legislative Council has stressed the urgency of early completion of the survey by the Corps of Engineers, and has pointed to the unfortunate consequences that could result from unseemly delay of the survey, as evidenced by Joint Resolution 7 of the 1958 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, We are informed that \$140,000 was appropriated for the survey work by Congress for fiscal 1958 and \$200,000 of a requested \$500,000 for fiscal 1959, and that the sum of \$500,000 has been requested for fiscal 1960; and

WHEREAS, We are informed that the appropriation for fiscal 1959 was restricted in its use to that part of the Potomac above Harper's Ferry, which imposes a crippling limitation on the survey work, which is intended by Congress to be a comprehensive survey of the entire River, and we earnestly hope that no such limitation of use will be attached to the fiscal 1960 appropriation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That we urge that the survey review report now in preparation by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers be completed expeditiously, and to effect this purpose we strongly urge Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to complete the report without crippling limitations; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislative Council is requested to reappoint the special committee on the Potomac River; and be it further