

WHEREAS, In its Fifth Report to the Legislative Council the Committee on the Potomac River repeated its call for speedy completion of the comprehensive survey of the Potomac River Basin under preparation by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers since 1956. The Report of the Committee noted that completion of the study is expected in fiscal year 1962, and urged that the Congress provide funds adequate to cause a prompt completion of the survey report, and

WHEREAS, The Committee has in its reports stressed the necessity of comprehensiveness of the report on the river, and noted that the Congress has generally adhered to this concept. The Committee has called attention to the larger problems that may arise when the report and its recommendations are presented to Congress. In this regard the Committee has expressed the belief that the results of the survey could be reported earlier than fiscal year 1962 upon a request for this from the Congress, together with cost estimates to implement the Corps' recommendations, and

WHEREAS, The Committee continues to be aware of the present polluted condition of the Potomac River and again urges on Congress the necessity of providing greater funds for water pollution controls on the inter-state river basins such as the Potomac, where the magnitude of the problem of providing clean waters overwhelms the abilities of the interested states to cope with the problem, and

WHEREAS, The Committee believes further that each of the respective states comprising the Potomac River Basin should realize their local responsibilities for pollution controls for the Potomac, and to this end the Committee urges the State of Maryland to provide increased State aid for the construction of sewerage facilities, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That we urge the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funds for the survey of the Potomac River by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and we further urge the Congress to direct the completion and reporting of the recommendations of the survey, with cost estimates for any recommendations, at the earliest possible date, and be it further

*Resolved,* That we urge Congress to provide greater funds for water pollution controls on the inter-state river basins of the United States, and we urge the State of Maryland to provide increased State aids for construction of local sewerage facilities, and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislative Council is urged to reappoint the Special Committee on the Potomac River, and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Senators Beall and Butler, and to Representatives Brewster, Fallon, Friedel, Garmatz, Johnson, Lankford and Mathias.

Approved February 27, 1961.