

and maintain a National Guard of equal strength for twice that length of time and the Government would have a much more efficient body of men, due to the continued regularity of control and instruction in the militia.

"After an increase in the Regular Army, which is admittedly necessary, two other methods are being considered for national defense, namely, a Continental Army or a large increase in a Federalized National Guard with direct Federal pay.

"It must be clear, after a fair consideration of this important subject, that the plan recommended by the National Guard Association will bring about the only practical results.

"The States and the nation have an investment of over \$100,000,000 in the National Guard and their personnel represents the only men in the country who for the past twenty-five years have utilized the only means at their command to help in the great work of national defense and their recommendations in this important matter of preparedness, as applied to the citizen soldiery of the nation, should be adopted by a grateful Congress."

I hope that you will present this report to the Senate and would respectfully ask that you refer it to the Committee on Militia.

[Which was read and referred to the Committee on Militia.]

Mr. Harrison submitted a petition from Jas. E. Thomas, of Shonell, Md., and seventy-five other citizens of Worcester county, asking for bridge at Ocean City and road to connect DuPont Boulevard. *[Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.]*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Duvall, by request: Senate Bill No. 136, entitled "An Act to add two additional sections to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, Bagby's Annotated Code, title 'Crimes and Punishments,' under the new sub-title 'Motor Boats,' to be inserted after Section 361 of said Article, and to be known as Sections 361-A and 361-B, to require the use of under-water exhausts or mufflers on certain motor boats." *[Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.]*

By Mr. Allen, by request: Senate Bill No. 137, entitled "An Act to prohibit the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or lager beer, within one mile of the Maryland College for Wom-