

WHEREAS, The passage of such legislation will create untold detriment to and confusion in the industrial and commercial activities of the City and State through the campaigning for the adoption of the measure; and

WHEREAS, The adoption, by referendum, of such legislation by the majority of the electorate, were such a contingency possible, would materially reduce the public revenue, requiring increased and new forms of taxes; destroying millions of dollars of invested capital in plants and properties now employed in the production and distribution of liquor, without provision for any compensation for such resultant confiscation; through of employment thousands of men who are untrained in any other occupation, creating untold misery, loss and deprivation to many more thousands of dependents upon such employes; create and foster the establishment of unlawful devices for the distribution of liquor of inferior quality at increased cost without asking police supervision possible, except at best in a modified degree through large increases in the cost of policing; discourage the establishment of new industries and enterprises within the limits of the State and City, and because of lack of accustomed comforts and conveniences at the hotels, likewise decrease the transient population, with the resultant losses in trade; and finally, make of thousands of our best citizens, hypocrites and evaders of the law; and

WHEREAS, The passage of such legislation is an unwarranted interference with the personal and religious liberty of the individual, and as such is un-American and contrary to the fundamental principles of the entire structure of our American institutions and scheme of Government; therefore

Resolved, That the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce does hereby give expression to its opposition to the passage of any State-wide Prohibition Bill and does strongly protest to the Governor and the General Assembly of Maryland against any and all favorable actions upon such measures; and further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor and to the proper officers of the General Assembly of Maryland.

Very respectfully,

JAMES C. LEGG,
President.

JAS. B. HESSONG,
Secretary.