By Mr. Johnson:

Senate Bill No. 53, entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 124 of Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title 'Howard County,' sub-title 'Sheriff,' as said section was enacted by Chapter 258 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1908."

[Which was read the first time and referred to Senators Johnson, Holmead and Chesley.]

JOINT RESOLUTION.

By Mr. Duvall:

WHEREAS, A resolution was introduced into the Senate of Maryland at January session, 1914, known as No. 7, page 1760, for the construction of a federal road connecting the Naval Academy with the National Capitol at Washington, and the representatives for Maryland in both Branches of Congress were requested to use all honorable means to further the project, but no action was taken in regard to the same; and

WHEREAS, In these days when the whole nation is more or less wrought up over the state of "unpreparedness" of our country for defense in case of war, it is of the utmost importance that a grand highway or military and naval road should be established between the Naval Academy and the government at Washington as soon as possible under the good roads system of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The said State Roads Commission did adopt as a part of its system an old-established road laid out in 1796 between the two cities, known as the "Old Stage road," from Annapolis across Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties to the District of Columbia, but no work has ever been done to further its construction, and the building of this State road would be of incalculable benefit to the government of the United States and of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, There is already a State road from Annapolis to Baltimore and one from Baltimore to the National Capital, and this "Old Stage road" line, if built, would complete the triangle of the three cities; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the matter of the construction of this other line of communication between the Naval Academy and the Capitol at Washington is hereby referred to the Anne Arundel and Prince George's delegations to bring in a Bill for the building of the same; the charge for its construction not to