

WHEREAS, The avowed purpose of said act was to establish a program of Federal insurance and reinsurance against the risk of floods and to encourage private insurance covering such flood risks; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has heretofore failed to appropriate the funds necessary to implement the "Federal Flood Insurance Act of 1956"; and

WHEREAS, Since 1956 there have been numerous disasters, storms and floods in many of the States of this Nation; causing untold damage to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, In the State of Maryland, as a result of the storm and flood of March, 1962, alone, the damage to public and private property did exceed \$7,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The public and private losses suffered as a result of such storms and floods has caused widespread distress and hardship adversely affecting the general welfare without regard to State boundary lines; and

WHEREAS, Much of said distress and hardship could have been avoided, reduced or guarded against if the "Federal Flood Insurance Act of 1956" had been properly and adequately implemented at the time of its original passage; and

WHEREAS, It is in the common interest of all of the States of this Nation to support the program of insurance protection provided for in the "Federal Flood Insurance Act of 1956"; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has stated his approval of this program and willingness to implement its provisions as soon as the necessary funds are provided; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland:*

1. The Congress of the United States is memorialized to enact the legislation necessary to fully implement the "Federal Flood Insurance Act of 1956."

2. The Secretary of the State shall transmit forthwith a duly attested copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Senators from Maryland, and to each member of the House of Representatives of the United States elected from Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1963.

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No. 38

(House Joint Resolution 75)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to undertake surveys in the portion of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District in Montgomery County of the need for and the cost of enclosing or covering open storm water or surface drainage systems, and to submit a report of the result of said surveys to the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly.