

WHEREAS, the standards of construction of Inter-State Highways and their maintenance are promulgated by Federal authorities, now therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Congress of the United States be and is requested to consider and to provide legislation for federal funds to pay for or assist in payment of the cost of maintenance of Inter-State Highways systems in Maryland and other states, and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Congress of the United States from Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1963.

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No. 59

(Senate Joint Resolution 27)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to set up a commission to study the problem of inequitable distribution of the State gasoline tax fund.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland are convinced that a thorough study and investigation should be made of the present formula for distributing gasoline tax revenues. Fifty per cent of these monies go to the State Roads Commission for work on State highways. The other fifty per cent goes to the political subdivisions of the State; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

However, a most inequitable situation exists with respect to the allotments from the latter half of the gasoline tax revenues. This fifty per cent rate is allocated on the basis of thirty per cent to Baltimore City and twenty per cent to the counties in the aggregate.

Obviously a highly unfair situation exists here with respect to the counties in Maryland. This is particularly true as to the heavily populated suburban counties, all of which have many square miles of area with closely built up homes and streets approximating large portions of Baltimore City. To give the counties in the aggregate less than the City of Baltimore is a most unfair situation that should be speedily corrected; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland be requested to set up a special commission to study and revise the present inequitable formula for the distribution of monies in the gasoline tax fund; and be it further

*Resolved,* That on this commission he be requested to name three members of the General Assembly, one representative of the State Roads Commission, and one representative from the office of the State Comptroller; and be it further