

WHEREAS, About 300 vessels formerly owned by the United States government are located at the bottom of the Potomac River near Sandy Point in Charles County and Quantico on the Virginia shore, and

WHEREAS, There is a concentration of such abandoned vessels in the Potomac River so great that the area near the Wilson Bridge is a visible graveyard for all kinds, sizes and descriptions of boats, and

WHEREAS, The abandonment of such vessels has created great navigational hazards in Maryland waters and has been responsible for many accidents causing injuries and deaths, and

WHEREAS, The United States Government was instrumental in abandoning or permitting the abandonment of some of the vessels in the waters of the State of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland is considering legislation making owners and former owners responsible for the removal of discarded and abandoned vessels from the navigable waters of the State, and

WHEREAS, The names and addresses of former owners of many of the abandoned vessels are not now known, and

WHEREAS, Many of the former owners are not residents of the State of Maryland, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the President of the United States be and he hereby is requested to direct the Corps of Engineers or some other Federal agency to investigate the abandonment of vessels of all kinds in the waters of the State of Maryland to the end that those persons or corporations responsible for such abandonment be identified, located and notified to remove their vessels from the waters of the State, and to make such other recommendations as may be necessary for the removal of such abandoned vessels, and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be mailed to the President of the United States and the members of Congress from Maryland.

Approved April 7, 1964.

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No. 10

(House Joint Resolution 23)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to reappoint for 1964 its special committee on the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers.

WHEREAS, The Legislative Council in 1956 first appointed a Special Committee to review and advise the General Assembly on proposed plans of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for development of the Potomac River, and in 1960, the Council requested the Committee to review and assist in planning the orderly development of the Patuxent River, and