

of the annual requirement for expenditures for capital improvements for schools; and

WHEREAS, Debt service requirements for public schools represent only about 40% of all total local debt requirements; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland may be approaching the point where the financing of capital costs on a current basis should be considered; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters of the Legislative Council be requested to study the entire problem of financing capital costs of schools throughout the State; that it consider possible revision of the present methods of financing such costs; re-evaluate the role of the State in such a revised program, and report its recommendation to the Legislative Council and General Assembly.*

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No. 7

(Senate Joint Resolution 12)

Senate Joint Resolution urging the Board of Public Works to investigate the status and availability with the United States Navy Department of the Patuxent Naval Air Station Annex property in Calvert County and to initiate studies leading to a determination of the best usage of the Annex property by the State of Maryland.

The United States Navy Department has indicated an intention to abandon the Patuxent Naval Air Station Annex located adjacent to Route 2 and extending westerly to the Patuxent River several miles above Solomons in Calvert County. Even though the Annex is to be declared abandoned, it is possible that several years could elapse before this property would be declared surplus and become available for acquisition by the State of Maryland.

This property of approximately 229 acres is improved by a water system, a fire department building and other public buildings, and many residences and other permanent structures. There are many readily apparent and desirable uses for improved property of this size by the State of Maryland, and it is desirable to begin now to initiate steps leading to its acquisition from the United States and determination of its best use. Without any detailed investigation of the property, it would for example, seem to be desirable for use as a higher education facility in conjunction with or as a branch of the University of Maryland.

Utilization of the property by the State of Maryland would help to alleviate the condition of business and employment in Calvert County, which has been declared by the President of the United States to be a distressed area because of unemployment; now, therefore, be it