

The General Assembly is requesting the Governor and the Legislative Council to join in appointing and sponsoring a special commission to cooperate on behalf of the State of Maryland in nationwide projects for beautifying the country.

This subject is an important part of the President's challenging program for the great society. There are many ways in which the State of Maryland could and should take part in this vital recommendation.

The problems in any such campaign of beautification are obvious. Our highways are lined with unrestricted ribbon development. Automobile junk yards and other unsightly premises frequently mar the beauty of the countryside. Careless and unnecessary destruction of trees in natural beauty spots has seriously detracted from nature's handiwork. In some places careless grading and development have ruined beautiful suburban and rural scenery.

Accordingly, the Governor is requested to appoint members to this Commission from and as representative of such agencies as the State Roads Commission, the State Planning Department, and the Department of Forests and Parks. The Legislative Council is requested to appoint members to this Commission from and as representative of the General Assembly, the County Commissioners' Association, the League of Maryland Municipalities, garden clubs, and other civic and community organizations and interests.

This Commission when fully appointed then could meet and give detailed consideration to problems of beautification in the State of Maryland and to a program for improving and preserving the natural beauty of this State; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and the Legislative Council are requested to join in the appointment and sponsoring of a special commission to cooperate on behalf of the State of Maryland with federal programs of beautification; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this Commission when appointed with the membership suggested in this Resolution is requested to meet and organize promptly and to do everything in its power to study and make recommendations concerning programs of beautification in this State.*

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(Senate Joint Resolution 8)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting The Council of State Governments to study possibilities for a nation-wide educational Compact among the 50 States of the Union.

The General Assembly of Maryland is requesting The Council of State Governments to study possibilities for a nation-wide Compact on the goals and standards of public education, which hopefully could be adopted in all 50 States of the American Union.