

Plans for a prayer room in or adjacent to the State House could well be made a part of the current proposals for a new legislative office building. The prayer room could be constructed as part of the new office building or it could be installed in the State House in space made available after the new office building is completed.

Facilities for prayer and meditation are vitally needed by the General Assembly and its members. Such an addition to the State House or to its nearby legislative office building would be a clear affirmation of the principles upon which this country and this State were founded and hoped to endure; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That members of this body propose there be constructed and maintained in the State House or in the new legislative office building adequate facilities for use as a retreat for prayer and meditation which members of the General Assembly might use for their spiritual refreshment; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Governor of Maryland, the President of the Senate of Maryland, the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland, the Director of the Department of Public Improvements, the Director of the State Planning Commission, and the Superintendent of Public Buildings.*

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(House Joint Resolution 4)

House Joint Resolution establishing a Special Legislative Joint Committee to cooperate with the Constitutional Convention Commission.

The General Assembly of Maryland is directing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to appoint a Special Legislative Joint Committee to cooperate with the Constitutional Convention Commission.

The Constitutional Convention Commission was appointed by the Governor in June, 1965, to conduct an inquiry into the necessity for, and extent and nature of, any amendment, modification, or revision of the Constitution of Maryland.

The work of the Governor's Commission is directed toward preparing for an eventual Constitutional Convention. This work will include a detailed study of the existing Constitution and the preparation of working papers for the Convention. Long preliminary work is necessary and desirable before the Constitutional Convention begins work in drafting a new Constitution for this State.

For this ~~purpose~~, PURPOSE, it is desirable that a Special Legislative Joint Committee be appointed to cooperate with the Executive Commission which has been appointed to take primary responsibility for the study of revising the Constitution of Maryland. This will give assurance that when proposals are submitted to the Constitutional Convention they will have been drafted with knowledge of the General Assembly's views and experience; now therefore, be it