

of Maryland, to the Vice President of the United States as President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, each member of the Maryland Delegation in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and the Librarian in the Library of Congress.

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No. 8

(Senate Joint Resolution 8)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to appoint the Joint Committee on Organization and Procedure as an Interim Study Committee.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland request the Legislative Council following the 1967 regular session of the General Assembly to appoint the Joint Committee on Organization and Procedure as an Interim Study Committee.

The rules of both the House of Delegates and the Senate of Maryland provide for the creation of a Joint Committee on Organization and Procedure. The purpose of this committee was to provide the means for systematic and detailed consideration of proposals for changes in the rules, organization, procedure and operations of the two houses in the General Assembly of Maryland.

The members of the General Assembly now are requesting that this Joint Committee be appointed as an Interim Study Committee to consider and evaluate various recommendations being made on possibilities for legislative improvements.

A number of outside groups are working to submit possibilities for improving the procedures and operations of the General Assembly of Maryland. Thus, the Wills Commission has developed an extensive report which is to be made available to all members of the Legislature. The Legislature itself has provided for a survey of legislative operations by the Eagleton Institute, which is connected with Rutgers University.

Other groups including a special consultant who reported to the Speaker of the House of Delegates have made suggestions for the improvement of legislative operations.

All of these proposals should be thoroughly screened and studied by a legislative group. The Joint Committee on Organization and Procedure would be an excellent possibility to do this work because of its close familiarity with the rules, procedure, organization, and operations of the two houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council is requested to designate the Joint Committee on Organization and Procedure as an Interim Study Group following the 1967 Session of the General Assembly, and be it further*