

passage of this legislation for the Governor, through the tourist division of the Department of Economic Development, to assure that Maryland is furnished with adequate and prominent facilities in the center.

WHEREAS, There are approximately ten million visitors to Washington, D. C. annually, and

WHEREAS, Maryland should take definite steps to siphon off a good segment of these Washington tourists into Maryland; and

WHEREAS, H. R. 12603 recently reported favorably out of a Committee of the House of Representatives, would establish a National Visitors' Center in Union Station in Washington, to be administered by the Department of Interior, which would lease sections of the building to various organizations and states for tourist promotion and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Since this Center would serve over 50,000 people a day, this would be an exceptional opportunity for Maryland to make the Washington visitor aware of nearby Maryland attractions and thereby divert these tourists into Maryland; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Maryland General Assembly*, That the Maryland Delegation to Congress be requested to work for the passage of H.R. 12603; and be it further

*Resolved*, Upon the passage of this legislation, that the Governor through the Tourist Division of the Department of Economic Development, assure that Maryland is furnished with prominent facilities in the National Visitors' Center; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Spiro T. Agnew, Governor of Maryland, Ormsby S. Moore, the Governor's Coordinator for Economic Affairs, Gilbert Crandall, Chief of the Tourism Division, Senators Brewster and Tydings, and Representatives Morton, Long, Garmatz, Fallon, Machen, Mathias, Friedel and Gude.

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(Senate Joint Resolution 10)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to continue its Tourism Committee.

WHEREAS, Maryland has a tremendous tourism potential but unfortunately has not lived up to this potential; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Council has recognized the value of tourism and the work which must be done in the State to build up the tourism industry in Maryland and for three years in succession has appointed a special committee to study tourism; and