

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council is requested to establish a special committee to be composed in part by members of the General Assembly and in part by citizens of Maryland with special expertise in the substance and operation of mechanics' liens laws in Maryland to study the laws and practices concerning mechanics' liens prevailing in this State and to propose legislation toward the improvement of these laws; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly of 1970.*

Approved May 2, 1969.

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No. 20

(House Joint Resolution 3)

House Joint Resolution requesting the state to share in the cost of the construction of the Bloomington Dam and Reservoir.

WHEREAS, Construction of the Bloomington Reservoir on the North Branch of the Potomac River has been authorized by the Federal Flood Control Act of 1962, and the project has been supported by the State of Maryland and the concerned local governments; and

WHEREAS, Congressional authorization of construction of the Project is conditioned on responsible non-federal interests providing, prior to construction of the Project, the non-federal cooperation contained in House Document 469, 87th Congress; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and the Maryland counties bordering the Potomac River have agreed to the formation of a Maryland Potomac Water Authority which will contract with the federal government for repayment of non-federal project costs; and

WHEREAS, The legislation creating the Authority includes a formula for the assessment of charges among the Maryland counties, and this formula has been agreed to by the respective counties; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland will derive benefits from the Bloomington project primarily due to its operation for flood control and water quality control and indirectly to the stimulated economic development resulting from the augmented streamflow; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That of the initial non-federal project costs to be paid for the construction of the Bloomington Dam and Reservoir, the State shall contribute 33.3% of these costs by annual appropriation, and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent the Governor, the Department of Water Resources, and Department of Fiscal Services, and the Budget Bureau.*

Approved May 2, 1969.