

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 1

(House Joint Resolution 5)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a Commission to study the laws and practices concerning Mechanics' Liens in the State of Maryland, and make recommendations in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, The existing laws and practices in this State concerning mechanics' liens often create hardships on homeowners, builders, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, artisans, and others; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive study of these complex laws require extensive review, and such review and study cannot be made by the General Assembly within the limited time at its disposal; and

WHEREAS, Such a study would permit the full participation of persons and organizations with expertise in the substance and operation of these laws; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor, upon enactment of this Resolution, be requested to appoint a Commission to study the Mechanics' Lien Laws of this State; and be it further

Resolved, That on this Commission he be requested to appoint persons experienced in the substance and operation of the Mechanics' Lien Laws, representing such activities as general contractors, builders, subcontractors, lending institutions, members of the Bar of the State of Maryland with expertise in the Mechanics' Lien Law, title insurance companies, suppliers and representatives of labor, and the general public; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to include on the Commission, in addition to the above, at least one member of each House of the General Assembly; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission when appointed be requested to meet and organize promptly and to make a comprehensive study of the laws and practices concerning Mechanics' Liens and submit its recommendations to the 1971 Session of the General Assembly; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor is requested to provide such funds, at his disposal, as the Commission may need to carry out its duties and to employ professional staff for the commission.

Approved April 15, 1970.

No. 2

(House Joint Resolution 11)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Maryland Congressional Delegation to introduce FURTHER legislation to protect, by land acquisition and scenic easement, the Antietam National Battlefield Site.

WHEREAS, The Antietam National Battlefield Site is an historic landmark of national significance located in Maryland. It was ~~the~~ a turning point for Confederate forces in the Civil War because they were unable to penetrate into the North and lost any hope of foreign support. The Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln was