

No. 17

(Senate Joint Resolution 64)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Department of Defense to acquire additional land within the State for use as a National Cemetery.

WHEREAS, many citizens of Maryland are veterans or relatives of veterans and hereby entitled to burial in a National cemetery; and

WHEREAS, National cemeteries are rapidly becoming overcrowded, thereby necessitating a curtailment of the honor of being laid to rest on government property; and

WHEREAS, it is unfortunate that many qualified persons within this State will be denied their privilege to be buried in a National cemetery by reason of a shortage of available space set aside for use as a National cemetery; and

WHEREAS, there are several veterans' organizations which would probably be willing to donate land for this use if requested; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Department of Defense be requested to acquire additional land in Maryland for use as a National cemetery; and, be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State send copies of this Resolution to the United States Department of Defense, President Richard M. Nixon, Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew, the Maryland Congressional Delegation and the Maryland Veterans Commission.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 18

(Senate Joint Resolution 73)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study the desirability of enacting land reservation legislation.

WHEREAS, It is essential to the physical, social and economic well-being of the people of Maryland that additional real estate be acquired in future years for the preservation of open spaces, institutional uses, transportation rights of way and other necessary public uses; and

WHEREAS, The rapid subdivision and development of land has hindered the utilization by the State of land designated as desirable for public use in which lies within a public "take line"; and

WHEREAS, One method of preventing development within "take lines" is through the use of a "land reservation statute" which is a legal concept employed in various other states; and