

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has already recognized that prospects for a dangerous shortage of usable water are increasing rapidly and has recommended steps to prevent and correct this potential crisis; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States last year enacted the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Act of 1970 after deleting appropriations for the Verona and Sixes Bridge Dams; and

WHEREAS, Action must be started now to insure that the people of ~~suburban~~ THE MARYLAND SUBURBS OF Washington, D. C., will not face a disastrous water shortage; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Ninety-Second Congress is hereby urged to swiftly enable the Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with plans for the Verona and Sixes Bridge Dams as originally proposed in the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Bill and to provide adequate funding for those projects; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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No. 55

(Senate Joint Resolution 78)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Joint Budget and Audit Committee to undertake a thorough study of the methods of design and construction of school buildings in order to reduce school construction costs.

WHEREAS, Governor Marvin Mandel has proposed that the State assume the complete cost of constructing public schools in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The cost of public school construction has risen sharply in Maryland during recent years; and

WHEREAS, Increase in costs of materials as well as labor costs have contributed to this rise in cost. The continued use of conventional design methods have also been a significant element in this rise; and

WHEREAS, Standardization of design could lead to reduction in architect's fees which are a part of construction costs; and

WHEREAS, Standardization of design could conceivably result in more economical and improved construction; and

WHEREAS, The assumption by the State of the entire cost of school construction makes it imperative that the most economical methods of the design and construction of public schools be utilized so that the maximum amount of school facilities can be obtained from the expenditures of State funds; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Joint Budget and Audit Committee is requested to conduct a complete