

and

(2) There be no relinquishment or surrender of any presently vested United States sovereign right, power, authority, or property, tangible or intangible, except by treaty authorized by the Congress and duly ratified by the United States; and

(3) There be no recession to Panama, or other divestiture of any United States-owned property, tangible or intangible, without prior authorization by the Congress (House and Senate), as provided in Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland requests the Congress of the United States to reject any encroachment upon the sovereignty of the United States of America over the Panama Canal and insists that the terms of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty of 1903 as subsequently amended be adhered to and retained; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of Maryland, under the Great Seal of this State, send copies of this Resolution to Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; Gerald R. Ford, Vice-President of the United States; Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State; Carl Albert, Speaker of the House; J. William Fulbright, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and to each member of the Maryland Delegation to the Congress of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states with request for similar action.

Approved May 31, 1974.

No. 44

(Senate Joint Resolution 40)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Submerged Lands - Leasing

FOR the purpose of suggesting the reexamination of laws and regulations relating to leasing of submerged lands under the waters of the State.

WHEREAS, A comprehensive survey of the lands submerged under waters of the State has not been