

WHEREAS, Private inholdings in some cases may be subject to development that would diminish the natural value of State lands; and

WHEREAS, The Garrett County Comprehensive Plan raised legitimate questions and concerns regarding the effect of Department of Natural Resources land holdings on the local economy and land use patterns; and

WHEREAS, Both State and county concerns might be served by consolidation of Department of Natural Resources lands in Garrett County, to include acquisition of some key lands and disposal of outlying, surplus, or low value lands; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Secretary of Natural Resources be requested to conduct a study of the Department of Natural Resources land ownership in Garrett County in order to evaluate the suitability of lands for acquisition, trade, or disposal; to develop a plan and proposal for consolidation of Department of Natural Resources lands; to consult throughout such study and plan development with the Commissioners of Garrett County; to seek public input in the development of such a plan; and to report his findings to the Board of Public Works and the General Assembly by September 1, 1976; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Board of Public Works, the Secretary of Natural Resources, and the Commissioners of Garrett County.

Approved April 13, 1976.

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{Senate Joint Resolution No. 66}

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Savings and Loan Associations

FOR the purpose of urging the Federal Home Loan Bank Board not to grant the request of savings and loan associations located in the District of Columbia to open branch offices outside the District and in the State of Maryland.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board is presently considering an application filed by the Columbia Federal Savings and Loan Association to open a branch in the Maryland suburbs. Numerous suburban Maryland savings and loan associations have written formal protests opposing the application.