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(House Joint Resolution 67)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Storm Equipment for State Buildings in Annapolis

FOR the purpose of requesting that a study be undertaken of the economic feasibility of installing storm equipment on the windows and doors ~~of~~ and changing the type of lighting used in the State buildings in downtown Annapolis.

In the past several years all of us have been made acutely aware of the severe energy crisis in the United States.

A new aspect of this crisis occurred during the bitterly cold winter of 1977 when a severe natural gas shortage developed. This shortage affected the lives, livelihoods, and comfort of Marylanders profoundly. One facet of the crisis has been the skyrocketing cost of various forms of energy.

These increased costs of fuel are exemplified by the costs of maintaining State buildings in Annapolis. For the fiscal year 1977 the cost of gas was \$83,697.20. The costs for fuel oil and electricity were \$184,938.46 and \$807,932.24, respectively. For the fiscal year 1978 the prices will increase significantly. This year already through January, \$33,902.00 has been spent on gas, \$59,460.00 has been spent on fuel oil, and \$408,624.54 has been spent on electricity.

Maintenance costs during this time period have also risen dramatically. Paint costs on exterior doors and windows of State buildings in Annapolis were \$18,947.00 in 1977. This year they are projected to be over \$69,000.

Installation of storm equipment on windows and doors will help to decrease these energy and maintenance costs. The effect of storm equipment will be to decrease energy costs as heat will be retained inside the buildings during the winter and cool air will be retained in the summer. Furthermore, maintenance costs will be decreased as less frequent painting will be needed if doors and windows have