

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 10, 1983.

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No. 3

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 2)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Nuclear Weapons

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Congressional Delegation to introduce into Congress a resolution calling for the President of the United States to negotiate with the Soviet Union for a mutual verifiable freeze in testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons, missiles, and delivery aircraft, if--such--a--freeze--is--at--a--level--of--weaponry--that--guarantees--the--national--security--of--the--United--States,--is--consistent--with--the--foreign--and--defense--policies--of--the--federal--administration,--and--is--clearly--in--the--best--interests--of--the--American--people--unless--such--a--freeze--would--jeopardize--the--national--security--of--the--United--States--and--not--be--in--the--best--interests--of--the--American--people,--and--for--the--purpose--of--urging--the--President--of--the--United--States--to--negotiate--such--a--freeze.

WHEREAS, The unleashing of nuclear weapons in warfare would cause untold death, suffering, and destruction; and

WHEREAS, The continued development, testing, and production of nuclear weaponry and related delivery systems increase distrust and apprehension among nations as well as the potential magnitude of any international conflict, as recognized by the President of the United States in his speech on November 18, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Our State's environment is threatened by the mere preparation for nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, Governmental spending for nuclear weaponry and related delivery systems would be spent more wisely in peaceful pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Halting or freezing the nuclear arms race is an essential and verifiable first step toward the reduction of nuclear arsenals and the lessening of the risk of nuclear war; now, therefore, be it