

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS

## NO. 1.

House Joint Resolution expressing to the Federal Coordinator of Transportation and the Interstate Commerce Commission a protest against the so-called Prince Plan for uniting the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad with the Pennsylvania Railroad;

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made by certain interests to the Federal Coordinator of Transportation, the Honorable Joseph B. Eastman, that he adopt and recommend the so-called Prince Plan for the consolidation of railroads; and

WHEREAS, said plan provides for but two systems in eastern trunk line territory and would consolidate the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad with the Pennsylvania System as a part of so-called System No. 2, and

WHEREAS, said plan for consolidation purposes to dismantle the Baltimore and Ohio as a system and to take up the Railroad between Baltimore and Philadelphia and to reduce the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to a single track line between Baltimore and Chicago and St. Louis; to remove from it entirely all through freight and passenger business, reducing the remnants to a No. 2 branch line status; furthermore, said plan proposes the abandonment of headquarters, shops, terminals and other facilities accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore and Ohio, the premier railroad of our nation, whose centenary was recently fittingly celebrated in Baltimore, was originally organized and constructed in Maryland and has been extended and developed into a great national transportation system connecting with the other rail routes and with the seaways of our country and with its general headquarters, machine construction shops and operating centers in Baltimore, Cumberland and other Maryland cities; and

WHEREAS, the transportation facilities of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad under independent operation are of inestimable advantage to the business, commerce and industry and to the labor employment, mining, agricultural and shipping interests of Baltimore and Maryland; and