

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

NO. 1

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 1)

Joint Resolution directing the State Roads Commission of Maryland to make the same type of study and report in connection with the proposed construction of a bridge from or near Benedict in Charles County across the Patuxent River to Calvert County, which was made on the Susquehanna and Potomac River bridges and which is now being made on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, by competent engineers to determine the estimated cost of the bridge, the estimated number of vehicles which would use the bridge and the estimated amount toll revenue which could be produced therefrom.

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River divides Prince George's County, Charles and St. Mary's Counties from Anne Arundel and Calvert County, and

WHEREAS, for a distance of over sixty (60) miles from the mouth of the Patuxent River to Marlboro in Prince George's County there are no transportation facilities available across this river with the exception of a barge capable of carrying two (2) motor vehicles, running only during daylight hours between Benedict in Charles County to a point opposite in Calvert County, and

WHEREAS, this inadequate facility has resulted in the isolation of the peoples of these three Southern Maryland counties, and

WHEREAS, all of the people of the five Southern Maryland Counties are desirous of having this transportation handicap eliminated by the construction of a bridge from Benedict in Charles County to a point across the Patuxent River in Calvert County, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, and

WHEREAS, the State has spent millions of dollars, and properly so, in building bridges on the Eastern Shore and in Western and Central Maryland for the benefit of its citizens living in those parts of the State, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has authorized and appropriated vast sums of money to rehabilitate the roads and bridges throughout the State, and