

WHEREAS, The improper exercise of authority by the Federal Government over the tax structure of the various subdivisions of the State of Maryland is working an unjustified hardship on certain counties of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the effect of said Section 511 of Public Law 1020 is to partially nullify the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Offutt Housing Company Vs. County of Sarpy, 351 U.S. 255, and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland condemns this improper encroachment of Federal authority and desires to protect the needed tax revenues of its subdivisions, which are so badly needed for local governmental services; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Congress of the United States move with all possible speed to repeal the provisions of Section 511 of Public Law 1020 passed in the year 1956 to the end that the policy of granting local tax exemptions by federal law be rescinded and nullified and that appropriate provisions be attached to Senate Bill No. 57 or other legislation now or hereafter pending in the current session to correct this unjustifiable reduction of local taxing powers with its attendant threat to traditional sources of income; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each Senator and Representative from the State of Maryland in the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 28, 1959.

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No. 37

(House Joint Resolution 14)

House Joint Resolution urging the passage by Congress of H.R. 1805 affecting the Antietam Battlefield in Washington County, Maryland.

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior was previously authorized by Congress to acquire property for the Antietam Battlefield site, located in Washington County; however, the act of Congress contained a restriction that payment for any lands acquired for the Battlefield could be made only from donated funds; and

WHEREAS, The restriction on the use of funds for purchase of land for Antietam Battlefield has unduly hampered the acquisition of land for the Battlefield; and

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.