

WHEREAS, Conflicts of interest legislation should carefully balance the public interest in the integrity of State officials and personnel with the bona fide private interests of such persons; and

WHEREAS, The beneficial purpose of such legislation is to preclude State officials and personnel from engaging in conduct which might create a reasonable impression among the public that such conduct is in violation of the public trust; and

WHEREAS, Conflicts of interest legislation must recognize that under our democratic form of government, public officials and employees should be drawn from all of our citizens; that citizens who serve our State cannot and should not be expected to be without personal interest in State decisions and policies; that citizens who are State officials and employees have a right to private interest of a personal, financial and economic nature; that standards of conduct should separate those conflicts of interest which are unavoidable in a free society from those conflicts of interest which are substantial and material, or which bring the government into disrepute; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council be and it is hereby requested to appoint a special committee to study the advisability of State-wide legislation regulating conflict of interests by State officers and personnel, whether appointed, elected or employed, and report its findings together with any recommendations it may have to the General Assembly of Maryland at the beginning of the 1962 legislative session.*

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(House Joint Resolution 51)

House Joint Resolution congratulating the Kennedy Administration on the establishment of the Peace Corps.

WHEREAS, There exists in newly developing countries a critical need for skilled assistance to aid the people in their efforts to achieve a better life; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming response to the Peace Corps indicates many Americans enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to undertake a job in which they can be of service to others; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps represents a bold, imaginative program which will enable Americans to work actively towards the improvement of conditions in many areas of the world; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Kennedy Administration be congratulated on its establishment of the Peace Corps; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy*