

## No. 5

## (House Joint Resolution 20)

House Joint Resolution urging the 90th Congress to authorize the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to remove and destroy the abandoned ships now located in the Potomac River.

WHEREAS, Over 100 abandoned World War I vessels have been lying in the Potomac River in the waters of Charles County and near Quantico, Virginia, since they were abandoned there in 1924 by a company, since dissolved, which brought the vessels to the Potomac for salvage, and

WHEREAS, There is a continual dislodgement of portions of the hulls of these vessels from storms and natural deterioration, causing floating wood to drift aimlessly in the river, and further the presence of the old hulls of the vessels presents an eyesore in an attractive, scenic part of the Potomac, and the hulls further constitute a navigational hazard to recreational craft using the River, and

WHEREAS, A bill is now pending before the Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives to authorize the removal of these vessels, that being H. R. 2402 by Congressman Machen, and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland recognizes that a program for removal of these abandoned vessels in the Potomac is in fulfillment of the President's pledge of a clean Potomac, and in our judgment, these abandoned hulls represent a source of dangerous pollution and driftwood in the Potomac and constitute a navigational hazard to the recreational use of these waters, causing damage to the property of boaters, and that action is needed promptly to provide for removal of these abandoned vessels; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That we urge the 90th Congress of the United States to authorize the Secretary of the Army acting through the Chief of Engineers to provide for the removal and destruction of the abandoned ships, hulls and pilings now located in the Potomac River by enacting H. R. 2402, and we further urge the Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to accomplish this purpose, and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution are sent to Senators Brewster and Tydings and Congressmen Fallon, Friedel, Garmatz, Long, Machen, Mathias, Morton and Gude.*

Approved March 22, 1968.

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No. 6

## (House Joint Resolution 40)

House Joint Resolution urging the Board of County Commissioners of Harford County to give consideration to broader citizen representation on county boards and agencies.