

for an additional 707 acute-care hospital beds in the Prince George's County service area, and a priority of three for new construction on a Statewide basis; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor be requested to ~~instruct the State Planning Commission to aid the Community in securing a site in the greater Laurel-Beltsville area to construct a non-profit community hospital; and be it further~~ DIRECT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY OF LAUREL IN ACQUIRING A SITE AND IN OBTAINING FINANCIAL AID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE GREATER LAUREL-BELTSVILLE AREA; AND BE IT FURTHER

~~*Resolved,* That the Governor be requested to instruct the Secretary of Health to seek financial assistance from Federal grant, state or private funds to sponsor construction of a non-profit community hospital in the greater Laurel-Beltsville area; and be it further~~

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 21, 1970.

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No. 73\*

(House Joint Resolution 74)

House Joint Resolution requesting the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Congressional Delegation to insure that the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal is not enlarged without a lock or other device to prevent OR MINIMIZE flowage from the Chesapeake Bay into the Delaware Bay.

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal is presently being dredged from twenty-seven to thirty-five feet and may be dredged even further to accommodate vessels desiring to use Baltimore Harbor; and

WHEREAS, The effect of this increased depth may be extremely harmful to the life of the Chesapeake Bay. At present, there is an overall net flow of about 1,600 cubic feet of water per second from the Chesapeake into the Delaware Bay. When the Canal is deepened to thirty-five feet, the flow of water into the Delaware Bay will more than double. The diversion, expressed in gallons per day, will be increased from 593,200,000 to 1,350,800,000, an amount equal to almost  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the average daily 1968 flow of the Potomac River and almost four times the recorded low flow of the Potomac in 1969. If subsequently increased to forty-five feet, the flow would increase five times over that at the thirty-five foot level; and

WHEREAS, The effect of this flow on the Chesapeake Bay will be to divert the upper Bay's fresh water which could change the salt content of the rest of the Bay and upset or rearrange its whole life system. One result of this diversion would be the elimination of

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\* Not signed by the Governor.