Senate Calendar No. ______ House Calendar No. ______

Introduced by Senators Clark, Mitchell, Steinberg, Steers, Abrams, Bailey, Bauman, Bertorelli, Bishop, Blount, Rozick, Byrnes, Conroy, Crawford, Curran, Dalton, Emanuel, Finney, Goodman, Hall, Hodges, Hoyer, James, Mason, McAuliffe, McGuirk, Pascal, Schweinhaut, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Stone, and Welcome

RESOLUTION 17

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

Senate Joint Resolution effecting ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

By the SENATE, March 8, 1973.

Rules suspended. Introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

By order, ODEN BOWIE, Secretary.


REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Favorable.
J. Joseph Curran, Chairman

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, read second time and ordered printed for third reading.

By order, ODEN BOWIE, Secretary.
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1 Senate Joint Resolution effecting ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

2 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was proposed to the Legislatures of the several states on the twenty-sixth day of February, 1869; and

3 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment was declared to have been ratified in a proclamation by the Secretary of State on the thirtieth day of March, 1870, and thus became a constitutional provision; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has not previously ratified the Fifteenth Amendment; and

5 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment has long been a vital part of the Constitution of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The General Assembly agrees with the intent of the Fifteenth Amendment and the principles therein enunciated; and

7 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment provides as follows:

8 Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

9 Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation; now, therefore, be it

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates amendments to bill. [[Double brackets]] indicate matter stricken out of bill.
RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That
the General Assembly hereby effects ratification of
the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of this
State shall forward copies of this Resolution under
the Great Seal of Maryland to the Honorable William P.
Rogers, Secretary of State of the United States, 2201
C Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20520, and the
Honorable Arthur F. Sampson, Acting Administrator of
the General Services Administration, 18th and F
Approved:

[Signature]

Governor.

[Signature]

President of the Senate.

[Signature]

Speaker of the House of Delegates.