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JOINT RESOLUTION

Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the States of Virginia and Maryland and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact related to the regulation of mass transit in the Washington, District of Columbia metropolitan area, and for other purposes.

Whereas the regulation of mass transit service in the metropolitan area of Washington, District of Columbia, is divided among the public utility regulatory agencies of the States of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia and the Interstate Commerce Commission; and

Whereas such divided regulatory responsibility is not conducive to the development of an adequate system of mass transit for the entire metropolitan area, which is in fact a single integrated, urban community; and

Whereas the Legislatures of Virginia and Maryland and the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia in 1954 created a Joint Commission to study, among other things, whether joint action by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia is necessary or desirable in connection with the regulation of passenger carrier facilities operating in such areas and the provision of adequate, non-discriminatory and uniform service therein; and

Whereas said Joint Commission has actively participated in the mass transit study authorized by the Congress (Public Law 24 and Public Law 573, Eighty-fourth Congress), and in furtherance thereof said Joint Commission has negotiated the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, set forth in full below, providing for the establishment of a single organization as the common agency of the signatories to regulate transit and alleviate traffic congestion, which compact has been en-