

BRIDGES AND TUNNELS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10:10 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, Hon. George H. Fallon, chairman, presiding.

Mr. FALLON. Ladies and gentlemen, the Committee on Public Works is meeting in an open hearing this morning on H.R. 11627, to amend the act of June 16, 1948, to authorize the State of Maryland, through its States Roads Commission, or the successors to said commission, to construct, maintain, and operate certain additional bridges and tunnels in the State of Maryland.

(Copy of H.R. 11627 follows:)

[H.R. 11627, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To amend the Act of June 16, 1948, to authorize the State of Maryland, by and through its State roads commission or the successors of said commission, to construct, maintain, and operate certain additional bridges and tunnels in the State of Maryland

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act of June 16, 1948 (62 Stat. 463, Public Law 654, Eightieth Congress) is amended by striking out "and (2)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(2)" and by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and the following: "(3) a bridge parallel to the existing Chesapeake Bay Bridge in the State of Maryland from a point in Anne Arundel County at or near Sandy Point to a point in Queen Annes County at or near Kent Island, and approaches, including connecting highways, thereto, (4) a bridge across or a tunnel under the Chesapeake Bay in the State of Maryland from a point in Baltimore County at or near Millers Island to a point in Kent County, or a combined bridge and tunnel at such location, and approaches, including connecting highways, thereto, (5) a bridge across or a tunnel under the Chesapeake Bay in the State of Maryland from a point in Calvert County to a point in Dorchester County, or a combined bridge and tunnel at such location, and approaches, including connecting highways, thereto, and (6) an additional tunnel under or a bridge across the Patapsco River from a point at or near Hawkins Point in the city of Baltimore to a point at or near Sparrows Point in Baltimore County, and approaches, including connecting highways, thereto."

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 3 of such Act of June 16, 1948, is amended by striking out "either or both" at each of the two places where it appears and inserting in lieu thereof at each such place "any one or more".

The committee has a number of witnesses this morning and we will not control the time unless it looks like we will not be able to finish; then we will.

We have reports from both the Department of the Army and the Department of Transportation. They have no objections.

As I said before, we give the right to the State of Maryland to construct certain bridges and tunnels. It has been in the past the duty of this committee to consider this type of project only when there is an interstate project involved.