

This committee reported it out unanimously. It passed the house by unanimous consent, the same parallel bridge that we are talking about.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Yes, but, Mr. Chairman, my observation was that what Congressman Long is telling us, regardless of what the legislature says or what the legislature has done, if we pass this bill with provision for a parallel bridge in it, we are, in effect, frustrating the public opinion in the referendum and there is no procedure now by which they can go back to referendum on it.

Am I correct?

Mr. LONG. I might point out, Mr. Cleveland, the State roads commission has indicated publicly that if this bill is passed, this parallel bridge will be the first bridge they build.

This is basically a parallel bridge and tunnel bill, because if this bill is passed, those are about the only two facilities they will ever have money to build. This bill bond up to about the year 2000.

Mr. SNYDER. I have one additional question, Mr. Chairman.

Do you have a copy of 11627 before you?

Mr. LONG. Yes, I do now.

Mr. SNYDER. Just so I can be certain, at the bottom of the first page, it says: "(3) a bridge parallel to the existing Chesapeake Bay Bridge," et cetera. That is the bridge you are opposing?

Mr. LONG. That is the one we are referring to, yes.

Thank you very much.

Mr. CRAMER. May I ask a question?

The last thing I want to do is to inject myself in the difference of opinion in the Maryland delegation, as I am sure the gentleman realizes, but as I understand it, is it true that the ballots of the Maryland delegation support the bill before us by Mr. Fallon? To your knowledge do you know?

Mr. LONG. I believe that that is so, yes. That is so, indicated by the people who have signed this.

Mr. CRAMER. Secondly, do I understand that the legislature did act as you stated subsequent to the referendum?

Mr. LONG. That is right, just several months after the referendum.

Mr. CRAMER. And did in fact pass a bill authorizing the consolidation of—

Mr. LONG. That is right.

Mr. CRAMER (continuing). The bridge now built and to be built in the future? Action 387 of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1967? Is that correct?

Mr. LONG. Yes.

Mr. CRAMER. I understand further that was passed by a rather overwhelming majority, was it not?

Mr. LONG. That is right, it was.

Mr. CRAMER. Is it true that your legislature ran for election between that referendum and this new bill?

Mr. LONG. That is right.

Mr. CRAMER. So that those who voted—

Mr. LONG. No. Excuse me. No, they did not.

Mr. CRAMER. They did not?

Mr. LONG. They ran for election at the same time the referendum was for ballot in the general election.