

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 2008

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BATEMAN, SCHLUTER, MERLINO and CRABIEL

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environment

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION creating a committee to study and develop means of protecting, preserving, and maintaining the Delaware and Raritan canal, including its feeder canal and the lands through which it flows, for the enjoyment and benefit of the citizens of this State.

1 WHEREAS, The Delaware and Raritan canal is an environmental
2 resource of great natural beauty as well as practical utility; and

3 WHEREAS, The Delaware and Raritan canal, which flows for 67 miles
4 through four counties, is one of the few such resources remaining
5 in central New Jersey; and

6 WHEREAS, The Government of the State of New Jersey, through the
7 enactment of many laws and the pursuit of many policies, has
8 demonstrated a recognition of the fact that natural and scenic
9 beauty which is destroyed by expediency and fragmented effort
10 today, may be incapable of restoration by any principle or
11 coordinated policy tomorrow; and

12 WHEREAS, The natural and scenic beauty of the Delaware and
13 Raritan canal is endangered today by just such expediency and
14 fragmentation, making it altogether fitting and proper for the
15 State of New Jersey to take whatever steps may be necessary
16 to protect, preserve, and maintain it for the enjoyment and
17 benefit of the citizens of this State, now and in the future; now,
18 therefore

1 BE IT RESOLVED *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the*
2 *General Assembly concurring):*

1 1. There is hereby created a committee to consist of eight mem-
2 bers, four to be appointed from the membership of the Senate by
3 the President thereof, no more than two of whom shall be of the
4 same political party, and four to be appointed from the member-
5 ship of the General Assembly by the Speaker thereof, no more than
6 two of whom shall be of the same political party. Members of the

7 committee shall serve without compensation. Vacancies in the
8 membership of the committee shall be filled in the same manner
9 as the original appointments were made.

1 2. The committee shall organize as soon as may be after the
2 appointment of its members and shall select a chairman from
3 among its members and a secretary who will not be a member of
4 the committee.

1 3. It shall be the duty of said committee to study and develop
2 means of protecting, preserving, and maintaining the Delaware
3 and Raritan canal, including its feeder canal and the lands through
4 which it flows, for the enjoyment and benefit of the citizens of this
5 State now and in the future and to recommend the means it deter-
6 mines to be the most feasible and practicable. In its study, the
7 committee shall not be confined to consideration of only those means
8 which may be implemented by the State, but may consider any
9 such means and any short or long-term actions which may be taken
10 by, or be relevant to, the county and municipal governments having
11 jurisdiction over portions of the canal, any public or private groups
12 that show or have shown interest in the protection, preservation,
13 and maintenance of the canal, or any private individual owning
14 property along the canal.

1 4. The committee shall consult all private and public groups that
2 show or have shown an interest in the protection, preservation,
3 and maintenance of the Delaware and Raritan canal, including its
4 feeder canal and the lands through which it flows.

1 5. The committee shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
2 avail itself of the services of such employees of any State, county
3 or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency
4 as it may require and as may be available to it for said purposes,
5 and to employ such stenographic and clerical assistants and incur
6 such traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem
7 necessary, in order to perform its duties, and as may be within the
8 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for
9 said purposes.

1 6. The committee may meet and hold hearings at such places as
2 it shall designate during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature,
3 and shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legisla-
4 ture, accompanying the same with any legislative bills which it may
5 desire to recommend for adoption by the Legislature before
6 December 1, 1973.