Public Law 86-527

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 27, 1960
[S. J. Res. 42]

To establish an objective for coordinating the development of the District of Columbia with the development of other areas in the Washington metropolitan region and the policy to be followed in the attainment thereof, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Washington Metropolitan Region Development Act".

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SEC. 2. The Congress hereby declares that, because the District which is the seat of the Government of the United States and has now become the urban center of a rapidly expanding Washington metropolitan region, the necessity for the continued and effective performance of the functions of the Government of the United States at the seat of said Government in the District of Columbia, the general welfare of the District of Columbia and the health and living standards of the people residing or working therein and the conduct of industry, trade, and commerce therein require that the development of the District of Columbia and the management of its public affairs shall, to the fullest extent practicable be coordinated with the development of the other areas of the Washington metropolitan region and with the management of the public affairs of such other areas, and that the activities of all of the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government which may be carried out in, or in relation to, the other areas of the Washington metropolitan region shall, to the fullest extent practicable, be coordinated with the development of such other areas and with the management of their public affairs; all toward the end that, with the cooperation and assistance of the other areas of the Washington metropolitan region, all of the areas therein shall be so developed and the public affairs thereof shall be so managed as to contribute effectively toward the solution of the community development problems of the Washington metropolitan region on a unified metropolitan basis.

Necessity for coordination.

SEC. 3. The Congress further declares that the policy to be followed for the attainment of the objective established by section 2 hereof, and for the more effective exercise by the Congress, the executive branch of the Federal Government and the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and all other officers and agencies and instrumentalities of the District of Columbia of their respective functions, powers, and duties in respect of the Washington metropolitan region, shall be that all such functions, powers, and duties shall be exercised and carried out in such manner as (with proper recognition of the sovereignty of the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia in respect of those areas of the Washington metropolitan region as are situate within their respective jurisdictions) will best facilitate the attainment of such objective of the coordinated development of the areas of the Washington metropolitan region and coordinated management of their public affairs so as to contribute effectively to the solution of the community development problems of the Washington metropolitan region on a unified metropolitan basis.

Policy.

SEC. 4. The Congress further declares that, in carrying out the policy pursuant to section 3 hereof for the attainment of the objective established by section 2 hereof, priority should be given to the solution, on a unified metropolitan basis, of the problems of water supply, sewage disposal, and water pollution and transportation.

Priority projects.

SEC. 5. The Congress further declares that the officers, departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch of the Federal Government and the Board of Commissioners of the District of

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Columbia and the other officers, agencies, and instrumentalities of the District of Columbia, and other agencies of government within the Washington metropolitan region are invited and encouraged to engage in an intensive study of the final report and recommendation of the Joint Committee on Washington Metropolitan Problems with a view to submitting to the Congress the specific recommendations of each of the agencies of government specified.

Recommendations invited.

SEC. 6. As used herein, the term "Washington metropolitan region" includes the District of Columbia, the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges in the State of Maryland, the counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Washington Metropolitan Region."

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AN ACT

To amend further certain provisions of the District of Columbia tax laws relating to overpayments and refunds of taxes erroneously collected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 14 of title IX of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as added by the Act of July 10, 1952, is amended to read as follows:

D. C. tax laws. Refunds. 66 Stat. 546. D. C. Code 47-2413.

"SEC. 14. (a) Where there has been an overpayment of any tax, the amount of such overpayment shall be refunded to the taxpayer. No such refund of taxes other than inheritance and estate taxes shall be allowed after two years from the date the tax is paid unless before the expiration of such period a claim therefor is filed by the taxpayer. The amount of refund of taxes other than inheritance and estate taxes shall not exceed the portion of the tax paid during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the claim, or if no claim is filed, then during the two years immediately preceding the allowance of the refund. No such refund of inheritance and estate taxes shall be allowed after three years from the date the tax is paid unless before the expiration of such period a claim therefor is filed by the taxpayer. The amount of refund of any such inheritance and estate taxes shall not exceed the portion of the tax paid during the three years immediately preceding the filing of the claim, or if no claim is filed, then during the three years immediately preceding the allowance of the refund. Every claim for refund must be in writing, under oath, must state the specific grounds upon which the claim is founded and must be filed with the Assessor. If the Assessor disallows all or any part of the claim for refund, he shall send to the taxpayer by registered or certified mail a notice of such disallowance. Within ninety days after the mailing of the notice of disallowance, if the claim is acted upon within six months after the filing thereof, or within ninety days after the termination of such six months' period, if the claim is not acted upon within such period, the taxpayer may appeal to the Board, in the same manner and to the same extent as set forth in sections 3 and 4 of this title: *Provided*, That this subsection shall not apply to the taxes imposed by title II, District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1939, as amended; by the District of Columbia Income and Franchise Tax Act of 1947, as amended; or by titles I and II, District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1949, refunds of which are otherwise provided for by law; and that it shall not apply to the real estate tax."

D. C. Code 47-2403, 2404.

D. C. Code 47-1501 and note. D. C. Code 47-1551 *et seq.*, 2601 *et seq.*

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