

Upon the second point, viz: The propriety of this Body taking action to show its condemnation of the word, we are equally clear in our opinion that it should be answered affirmatively. It is true, it may be argued, that the adoption of this Resolution will not remove the obnoxious word from the Article, and also that it is a word harmless by reason of being ineffectual. But we take the position that as an expression of sentiment, the moral effect would be as efficacious as an actual amendment striking out the word.

As an expression of the feeling and temper of the Legislature upon the subject, a favorable action on this Resolution would have the effect of placing us square before the world as having outlived the prejudices and overcome the feelings to which this provision owes its birth. As the matter stands, it would indicate that the people of Maryland endorse the retention of the word and would give it efficacy if they could; such we feel is not the case. On the other hand, we believe that the intelligence of our people demands such action at our hands as will place the State in a favorable light before her sister States of this great Union, upon this subject which has long agitated the public mind. The sooner this monument of days which are past, and which all good citizens wish to forget, is swept from our law books, particularly this, the organic law of the State, the better for the interests of progress and reform. As it has outlived its day and no longer reflects the sentiments and wisdom of our people, let us place upon it the seal of our condemnation and leave it to our successors to supplement our action by striking it from the book.

Respectfully submitted,

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Of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Which was read.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following bill,
Endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays:"

The bill entitled an Act to add additional sections to Article 56, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "License," under the sub-title "Coal Mining."

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Senate bill entitled an Act for the better protection of persons and property in Baltimore county,

Was read a third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follows: