

munity of Donora, Pennsylvania, where nineteen persons lost their lives and scores of others suffered acutely following an unusual accumulation of poisonous fumes and natural fogs; now therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby requested to appoint a commission to study in this State these conditions of poisonous fumes; and be it further

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Body that such a commission should include in its membership the Director of the State Department of Health, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, and at least seven other persons to be named by the Governor so as to have representation thereon for industry, labor, the General Assembly and the public at large; and that this commission be unpaid except for the necessary expenses of investigative and secretarial work; and be it further

*Resolved,* That if such a commission is appointed, it be requested to report to the Governor and to the General Assembly in advance of the Session of 1950 its recommendations for alleviating these obnoxious and poisonous fumes.

Approved April 22, 1949.

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NO. 17

(House Joint Resolution 6)

Joint Resolution directing the Game and Inland Fish Commission to institute an investigation of the causes of the muskrat shortage.

WHEREAS, the muskrat industry has become an important and integral part of the economy of the State of Maryland, running to approximately \$3,000,000. per year; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has been the second largest muskrat trapping area on the North American continent, the catch running to one and one-half million per year; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County has been and is the largest muskrat-trapping area in the State of Maryland, the indus-