

No. 13

(Senate Joint Resolution 14)

Senate Joint Resolution proposing that the State of Maryland, acting through the Department of Public Improvements, shall make full use of the abundant, dependable and economical supplies of coal readily available for the heating of public buildings.

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the members of the General Assembly that some of our State owned buildings, that were originally equipped to burn coal, have recently been converted to oil for heating purposes; and

WHEREAS, Coal is a product of our own State, while oil has to be imported from other far away States or from foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Coal is cheaper than oil for heating, and the price of coal remains fairly stable, while oil supplies and oil prices are unpredictable, because such petroleum products are extremely sensitive to world conditions; and

WHEREAS, In any kind of national, or international crises, oil supplies may become critical and prices may shoot upward, and in these unsettled times, any war or threat of war would likely result in short supplies for domestic consumption and such supplies of oil that would then be available would probably be rationed by the Federal Government, causing inconvenience to our State employees, and disrupting the State service; and

WHEREAS, The production and sale of coal is necessary and important to the economy of our Western Maryland Counties, such business creating employment, and contributing to the economic welfare of our people; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That since coal is cheaper, and in abundant supply, and is produced right here in our own State, the Department of Public Improvements is hereby requested to take full advantage of the abundant supplies that a Divine Providence has placed at our disposal, and to use coal for heating our State owned buildings especially since such a policy will result in a savings to the taxpayers of our State and at the same time assist in maintaining a more stable economy within the two Westernmost counties of our State.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.