

The enactment of this proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution would encourage a revision of State labor laws along more realistic lines so that these laws in the future would be based upon the nature of the work rather than upon the sex of the worker. Safety and health regulations should apply equally and jointly.

Both majority parties, in planks adopted by their national conventions have fully endorsed a constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women.

The women of Maryland have shared equally with men in the hardships and sacrifices necessary and incident to the building of this nation. They have shared equally with men in the pain and distress which have been involved in the maintenance of the American Republic and in the preservation of the ideals of free government.

This nation was "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal". The AN Equal Rights for Women Amendment, for the first time, would give validity to this outstanding principle of the American system.

The rights of women before the law are much abridged in many states. This legal discrimination on the basis of sex constitutes an intolerable burden upon thousands of women who are solely dependent upon their own efforts for their livelihood. Such discrimination is a source of irritation and of injustice to them and to many thousands of others who recognize in it a flat contradiction to the American principle of equality. This contradiction is entirely out of accord with the status of American women and with the levels they have reached through their achievements in all fields of human endeavor.

The General Assembly of Maryland supports the AN Equal Rights for Women Amendment; now, therefore

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congress of the United States is requested to adopt and to submit to the several states, the AN Equal Rights for Women Amendment in order that it may speedily be added as an integral part of the Constitution of the United States; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be requested to send copies of this Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of the Maryland delegation in the Congress of the United States.*

Approved May 3, 1961.

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(Senate Joint Resolution 15)

Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a Committee to study the administration of the Blue Sky Law of Maryland (Article 32A of the Annotated Code of Maryland—1957 Edition),