

tions in the State. The members of the Committee worked with diligence and competence and established close familiarity with the problems and personalities involved.

However, the Committee has not had sufficient time to complete its work, and it has requested an extension following the 1961 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland. The members of the General Assembly heartily concur in this request; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council be requested to continue the work of its Special Committee on Prison Administration following the 1961 Session of the General Assembly; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this Committee when re-appointed be requested to carry on the competent work already begun and to make its final report to the Legislative Council and to the members of the General Assembly.*

Approved May 3, 1961.

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No. 25

(Senate Joint Resolution 33)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Department of Economic Development to advertise and publicize the soft clam resources of the State of Maryland.

The newest of Maryland's great seafood resources is that of the soft clam which is being made available in increasing quantities.

The clam fishery in Maryland is now about equal to the crab fishery. Clam resources are rapidly renewed and thus far show no indication of depletion. Also supply continues now, as in the past, to exceed the demand thus having the effect of depreciating the sales value of the catch.

The clam processing industry is providing extensive employment to seafood workers particularly during those months that oysters are out of season.

The soft clam provides an excellent food and the maximum marketing of the Maryland production would contribute substantially to the economy of many tidewater counties and the entire State of Maryland. The General Assembly believes that Maryland's clam resources and production should be widely advertised and that the Department of Economic Development should add soft clam fisheries to its other advertising projects. In future years the cost of an advertising program would probably be self-sustaining since the present tax of ten cents per bushel on soft clams is in excess of what is needed for research and education on the subject; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Department of Economic Development be requested to provide all possible aid in widely publicizing and popularizing this delicious seafood.*

Approved May 3, 1961.