

to the desirability and effectiveness of closing streams to all fishing during spawning seasons; and

WHEREAS, there now appears not to be sufficient facts available for the General Assembly to take action on this question; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Tidewater Fisheries Commission, after consultation with the Department of Research and Education, is directed to make a study of the streams in this State with respect to the effect that closing of streams, or closing of any parts of them, might have on the quantity of fish thereafter available for commercial and sports fishermen; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Commission shall thereafter report its findings with recommendations to the General Assembly.

Approved May 3, 1961.

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No. 30

(House Joint Resolution 32)

House Joint Resolution requesting the new Administration in Washington to adopt a program bolstering the shipbuilding and ship repair industry.

WHEREAS, The shipbuilding and ship repair industry is a vital segment of the economy of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, Many thousands of our citizens from this industry and others, with applicable skills, are unemployed in the State of Maryland; and

Whereas, This industry will collapse within two years if the new Administration in Washington does not immediately embark upon a program to bolster this industry; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the following emergency program be recommended to the new Administration for adoption:

(1) A portion of the reserve fleet required for national defense purposes should be put in ready condition and this work should be placed in private ship repair yards.

(2) The Navy Department should give sufficient repair work to private repair yards to keep them in operation.

(3) The completion dates of work presently in our shipyards should be accelerated, to provide immediate employment to halt impending layoffs.

(4) The replacement of our present merchant fleet should be undertaken at the rate of sixty ships per year, to insure retention of the