

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Archer :

Senate Joint Resolution : Suggesting that it be recommended to the United States Senators and Congressmen representing the State of Maryland, and also to the War Department of the United States, that appropriate legislation and orders be enacted and issued looking to the protection of the fishing industry of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

WHEREAS, The fishing industry of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries forms one of the greatest sources of revenue of the State of Maryland, and furnishes food and employment for a large number of the citizens thereof; and

WHEREAS, This great source of revenue of food is diminishing in alarming proportions from year to year, and the very existence of the same has become seriously impaired; and

WHEREAS, This State has from time to time enacted legislation for the protection of this great resource and industry; and

WHEREAS, The State of Virginia contains the mouth and a large proportion of said Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and has failed to enact adequate legislation for the protection of said fish and the industries incident thereto, which causes legislation for the protection of migratory fish on the part of the State of Maryland to be largely futile; and

WHEREAS, The unlimited extension of nets across the waters of said Bay not only hinders the passage of spawning fish to the upper regions of the Chesapeake and its tributaries, but said nets are, also, a dangerous and troublesome hindrance to navigation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senators and Congressmen of Maryland are petitioned by the Assembly of Maryland to aid by all honorable means the passage of legislation tending to make uniform the laws protecting the migratory fish of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by Federal supervision and restriction; and be it further .

Resolved, That the attention of the War Department of the United States is also respectfully directed to this matter, and it is hereby petitioned to restrict the length of the extension of nets into said Bay and its tributaries, thus enhancing the safety of vessels engaged in commerce in these waters; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to each of the United States Senators and Congressmen representing the