

The Susquehanna River is one of the great water resources in the eastern part of the United States. It is vitally important to a large area in southeastern New York State and to the entire central portion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It has a very vital part in the continued well-being of the State of Maryland.

The great Chesapeake Bay is dependent upon the Susquehanna River for up to eighty percent of its fresh water supply. Any diminution in the flow of fresh water into the Bay would be potentially and actually dangerous to the continued usefulness and productivity of the Chesapeake Bay.

Actually that great body of water is a national and not only a State asset. It is a wonderfully productive area for seafood and is used annually by many, many thousands of persons for healthful and wholesome recreation.

The Compact shortly to be submitted to the three States should result in an improvement in both the quality and quantity of the water flowing in the Susquehanna River Valley. Pending the completion of this Compact and its consideration by the legislative and executive officials of the three States, the State of Maryland proposes that no additional diversion of water be made throughout the Susquehanna River Basin. Using this approach the three States, if they adopt the proposed Compact, then can act jointly for their mutual best interest; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are requested to permit no further diversions of water from the Susquehanna River and its tributaries pending the completion of the proposed Susquehanna River Compact and its adoption by the State of New York, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the State of Maryland; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland under the Great Seal of Maryland is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Governor of New York, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York, to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Water Resources Commission and the Water Conservation Department of the State of New York, and to the Water and Power Resources Board and the Department of Forests and Waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

Approved May 6, 1966.

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No. 23

(Senate Joint Resolution 30)

Senate Joint Resolution to have the Governor appoint a study committee to investigate, report and suggest possible legislation to combat the high school drop-out problem.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland, along with the majority of the citizens in Maryland, recognizes that a serious social problem in our society today is the high school "drop-out"; and