

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara, is requested to promptly order an end to segregation in off-base housing for military personnel, and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Maryland are urged to take all necessary action to urge Secretary McNamara to issue such a directive on segregated military housing, and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Senators Brewster and Tydings and Representatives Fallon, Friedel, Garmatz, Gude, Long, Machen, Mathias and Morton.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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No. 25

(Senate Joint Resolution 54)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a Commission to review the problems involved in the use and spraying of herbicides and pesticides in order to submit regulatory legislation to the 1968 General Assembly.

WHEREAS, There is a proven need for state controls on the use of pesticides and herbicides, and

WHEREAS, Several incidents involving the use and spraying of pesticides and herbicides indicate that control of those who use these chemicals and their manner of use ought to be regulated by the State, and

WHEREAS, Some of the uses pointing up the need for controls are:

1. The contamination of streams from cleaning of equipment and for utility right-of-way spraying, which resulted in damage to the crops of a farmer drawing irrigation water from the stream;
2. Pollution of aquatic life from spray drifting on the wind over water areas adjacent to sprayed areas;
3. Damage to trees and other life from spraying operations; and

WHEREAS, Serious harm can occur to plants, agricultural crops, trees, shrubbery, aquatic and human life from the unintended effects of the use of pesticides and herbicides. The effects of crop dusting operations and mosquito control programs can lead to widespread and indiscriminate spraying on adjacent lands and waters with damage done to the lands and pollution caused to the waters. There have been instances also when wells have been contaminated by such operations.

WHEREAS, There now is practically a complete lack of regulation in these crop dusting and mosquito control operations. The members of the General Assembly of Maryland realize the importance of these operations and would not want unduly to restrict them; at the same