

desirable on the basis of (1) promoting the growth of this industry should the State, county, and municipal governments decide that it is in the public interest, (2) adequately protecting all governmental interests in this industry including but not limited to adequate regulation, collection of revenue involving auditing and cost analysis, and provision for public use of these communication facilities;

WHEREAS, The federal government may regulate community antenna television through the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Power Commission or some other agency and may prohibit a State or any level of government therein from regulating this industry; may want a State to regulate this industry, by itself; or may seek mutual regulation by both the federal and State governments;

WHEREAS, Any regulation by the State (regardless of the enactment of any legislation concerning community antenna television in the 1971 Legislative Session of the General Assembly) would require granting regulatory jurisdiction to a particular State agency (probably the Public Service Commission); funding that agency for that additional function; and establishing and implementing possibly both statutory law and administrative regulations;

WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that community antenna television poses many and serious unanswered questions for the citizens of the State of Maryland and all of its levels of government and that this industry will have broad and longlasting effects and implications; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly considers that much benefit would result from a comprehensive study of community antenna television by the State, county, and municipal governments; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council of Maryland organize a study to review all issues mentioned in this Joint Resolution and to make recommendations thereon in whatever form deemed appropriate to the 1972 Legislative Session of the General Assembly; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Legislative Council.*

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 22

(House Joint Resolution 5)

House Joint Resolution to encourage the development and implementation of methods for increasing the food productivity of wetlands.

Throughout the hearings held by the Maryland General Assembly on the wetlands legislation passed in the 1970 Legislative Session, one of the main arguments for preservation was food materials provided by wetlands for oysters, clams, crabs, fish, muskrat, geese,