

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it hereby requests the Department of Natural Resources to study the problem of availability and continuing supply of mineral resources in Maryland vis a vis other land uses, particularly in relation to the rapid spread of urban areas; and to study the parallel problem of ways to minimize the effects of surface mining on the environment; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Natural Resources report the results of this investigation to the Legislative Council by October 1, 1971 together with any suggestions it may have with regard to new legislation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 31

(House Joint Resolution 23)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Maryland State Board of Censors to recommend that previews of restricted or limited audience films not be shown to general audiences in motion picture theaters.

WHEREAS, The Motion Picture Association of America has established a rating system for ascertaining the suitability of motion pictures for youthful audiences which is commonly used in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Parents and adult citizens of Maryland rely upon the recommendations of the Motion Picture Association of America in selecting suitable motion pictures and theaters for children to attend; and

WHEREAS, The rating symbols used by the Motion Picture Association of America and recognized by parents are as follows:

- (G) Suggested for general audiences
- (GP) Parental discretion suggested
- (R) Restricted—persons under 17 must be accompanied by parent or adult
- (X) Persons under 17 not admitted

and;

WHEREAS, Previews of restricted (R) and limited audience (X) films are sometimes shown as coming attractions to general audiences; now, therefore, be it