

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C., The Maryland Delegation of the United States Congress and the County Commissioners of Harford County.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 38

(House Joint Resolution 58)

House Joint Resolution requesting a special subcommittee of the Legislative Council to study the feasibility, methods, and procedures of strengthening existing and devising new aquacultural practices and procedures in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, Maryland enjoys a unique position in the marketing of high quality seafood products because of its proximity to strong markets; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has a long history of supplying high quality seafood products to the world's trade; and

WHEREAS, changes have occurred in abundance of natural seafood products; and

WHEREAS, changes have occurred in consumer preferences and acceptances of seafood products; and

WHEREAS, changes have occurred in methods of harvest, methods of marketing, methods of distribution, and in uses of seafood products; and

WHEREAS, changes have occurred in our general economy which have altered employment practices, allowed for the generation of unwanted and uncontrolled releases of energy and nutrients which, if controlled and utilized, have a strong potential for constructive uses in aquaculture activities; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that under conditions of controlled temperatures, regulated nutrients, and protection from predators, individual items of seafood can be produced of desired size, at opportune times, and in great abundance; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has great resources in knowledge and talent that if applied to the solution of problems can create constructive ends for these problems to the betterment of our economy through the reduction of waste and for the generation of useful products and full employment of our citizens; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a special subcommittee of the Legislative Council be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to undertake a study of the sociological, economic, engineering, and legal feasibilities and mechanisms of strengthening existing aquaculture practices and explore fully devising means of implementing new aquaculture practices to accomplish the above purposes; and be it further