

therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Natural Resources and its appropriate agencies conduct a thorough and extensive research program to study the blue crab and to report their preliminary findings and recommendations to the 1974 General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor include a sufficient appropriation in the 1974 operating budget in order that this research program may be properly financed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland and the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, James Coulter.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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No. 31

(Senate Joint Resolution 4)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting that a committee be appointed to study the incidence and implications of arson and other related crimes in Anne Arundel County.

During recent years, Anne Arundel County has experienced a significant number of costly fires which have been attributed to arson.

In addition, there have been numerous instances where attempted arson has been discovered, thwarting what would otherwise have been most assuredly a major disaster resulting in untold losses.

Arson, attempted arson, and related crimes have caused suffering, financial loss and inconvenience to both the residents of Anne Arundel County and the public in general. In addition to jeopardizing the health, safety and welfare of citizens, firemen, policemen and other public servants have been unnecessarily endangered and government resources have been expended without good cause.

The perpetrators of these crimes have waged insidious incendiary attacks in a manner and at times calculated to reap a holocaust of major proportions. Proof of this is evidenced by the fact that the targets of the arsonists, in many instances, have been businesses, establishments of public gathering and multi-family dwellings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That in view of the seriousness of the crime of arson and the alarming incidence of arson in Anne Arundel County, a committee of six persons is to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to study the incidence and implications of recent arsons and related crimes in Anne Arundel County; and, be it further Governor, who are experienced in the art of criminal and/or Arson investigation, to study and coordinate all accumulated reports, and investigations to date in order to bring the recent incidence of Arson and related crimes in Anne Arundel County to a conclusion; and be it further