

RESOLVED, That the individuals selected be selected if possible because of prior military background; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Military Department be directed to cooperate with the work of the Committee in every way possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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No. 59

(House Joint Resolution 70)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

**National Shellfish Safety Program**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Congress of the United States to prohibit the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Food and Drug Administration from promulgating or imposing any mandatory rules or regulations governing the United States shellfish industry until such time as an independent study is made for the Congress which would determine factual microbiological standards to be used for the protection of shellfish consumers and, at the same time, provide acceptable standards and regulations for the nation's shellfish producers, packers, and handlers.

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration has concluded that scientific data are not available to support present standards for bacteria or toxic metals (except mercury) in shellfish; and

WHEREAS, The Food and Drug Administration has proposed rules and regulations which would preempt state control over every aspect of the seafood industry, including water quality, licensing and inspection of vessels, and establishments used in harvesting, recreational catches, processing, packaging, marketing, shipping; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary in the interest of both our public health and of our seafood industry to develop accurate information for realistic microbiological