

An already serious situation is compounded by an unusual influx of foreign construction workers competing with local workers for scarce construction jobs.

Inasmuch as a free job market is preferable, in difficult times like this an overriding interest is the protection of local construction workers from a steep competition generated by a large number of foreign workers coming into the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body urges all building contractors, especially those involved in the construction projects financed by the State or local political subdivisions, to give an urgent and due consideration to the plight of local construction workers and provide jobs or employ them whenever possible.

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No. 39

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 75)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Oystering [[with Skipjacks]] - Moorings

FOR the purpose of requesting the Secretary of Natural Resources to review the feasibility of allowing [[certain]]commercial watermen to use certain State facilities during certain off season dates.

The invaluable contribution of our Maryland watermen to the State's economy and heritage needs no reiteration.

One of the most important commercial water enterprises is the annual harvesting of the oyster beds of the Chesapeake Bay. These beds provide the livelihood for many hardworking and dedicated Marylanders and their product brings delight to the palates of diners throughout Maryland and our country.

The men of the Skipjack fleet follow in a century-old tradition of oystering from their unique craft. Their presence in the Bay is steeped in heritage and hard work and is a tribute to their dedication to the oystering trade. Each day during the harshest winter months they set out to harvest the oyster so much in demand on our tables. Many long hours are spent on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and it is increasingly more difficult to find available, safe and secure moorings during the evening and weekend hours for this small, but hardy, fleet.