

Joseph Curran, Jr., the admiration and respect of the General Assembly for the life and accomplishments of Councilman Curran, and the deep regrets of every Member of the General Assembly over his passing.

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No. 3

(House Joint Resolution 11)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

The Employment of Illegal Aliens

FOR the purpose of supporting any federal legislation that would make employment of an illegal alien a punishable offense.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that there are six to eight million people of foreign birth living and working illegally in the United States, and that presently 65,000 of these illegal aliens reside within the State of Maryland.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that these illegal aliens cost the citizens of the United States \$12-20 billion in welfare payments, unpaid taxes, and lost wages from the jobs these aliens hold.

Present federal law is inadequate to cope with this situation since it penalizes only the alien and not his employer and, therefore, does not discourage future employment of other illegal aliens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That we as a Body support any legislation enacted by the federal government that would make employment of illegal aliens a punishable offense under federal law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution shall be sent to all members of the United States Congress and to the President of the United States.

Approved March 31, 1977.
