

hearings throughout Charles County and encourage civic organizations to hold public forums to determine the wishes of the majority of the citizens with regard to any proposed change in the government of Charles County and report the findings and summary of the proposals to the legislative delegation by December 1, 1981; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Charles County Commissioners, Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland 20646.

Signed April 22, 1980.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 6)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Air Quality - Energy Production

FOR the purpose of informing the President of the United States and the Maryland Congressional Delegation that the State of Maryland favors exempting, under certain conditions, the increased pollutant emissions due to coal conversions by electric generating companies from contributing to the consumption of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration increment.

WHEREAS, An energy crisis presently exists in this United States with no immediate solution; and

WHEREAS, One of the major causes of this energy crisis is the increased demand for oil; and

WHEREAS, The increase in the demand for oil has resulted in an increase in the country's need for imported oil; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has made a public commitment to reduce oil imports; and

WHEREAS, One of the President's major solutions to this problem is to reduce the amount of oil being used in the production of electricity, preferably through the increased use of domestic coal; and

WHEREAS, Alternative energy sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, and the use of biomass should also be employed along with energy conservation to significantly reduce the dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, The United States has an abundance of coal reserves amounting to approximately 400 years of energy production; and