

(House Joint Resolution No. 91)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Grain Indemnity Fund

FOR the purpose of requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint a Committee to study the Grain Indemnity Fund law for the purpose of suggesting changes and improvements to the law.

WHEREAS, Chapter 767 of the Acts of 1981 created the Grain Indemnity Fund, which was effective July 1, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Problems have arisen with the implementation of the Grain Indemnity Fund; and

WHEREAS, There is no general agreement as to the proper method of funding for the Grain Indemnity Fund.

WHEREAS, There is a need to clarify how best to carry out the purposes of the law which was meant to protect farmers and producers of grains against bankruptcies and embezzlements in the payment for their grain; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Secretary of Agriculture is requested to appoint a committee to study the Grain Indemnity Fund law for the purpose of suggesting ways in which to alter the law to allow it to function better, including studying how to collect money for the Fund, whether the money collected for the Fund will be meaningful, can the Fund protect out-of-State as well as in State people, and whether stored grain can be protected; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee be composed of members representing all facets of the grain production and grain purchasing industries to be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Agriculture designate the chairman of the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the Secretary of Agriculture and the General Assembly by December 1, 1982; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff for the committee be provided by the State Department of Agriculture; and be it further