

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 1

(House Joint Resolution 2)

Joint Resolution requesting the ~~Governor~~ SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE and the Maryland Congressional delegation to investigate the Federal milk order which applies to the upper Chesapeake Bay area.

WHEREAS, A Federal milk order has been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture which affects all Maryland milk producers who sell their milk in the designated marketing area; and

WHEREAS, A vast majority of independent milk producers who reside in nine of the fourteen and one-half Maryland counties affected by the order but are unaffiliated with any milk cooperative association are strongly opposed to being included in the jurisdiction of the order; and

WHEREAS, There is ample evidence to indicate that the ~~inclusion of the said nine counties in~~ PASSAGE OF the Federal order was ~~primarily~~ the result of the voting strength of one cooperative milk association whose membership in the said nine counties constitutes a small percentage of its total of OVER 1600 members; and

~~Whereas, No shortage of consumer's milk supply, nor unstable and inequitable returns to the producer existed in the said nine counties prior to the institution of the Federal order; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~The~~ A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF independent milk producers of the said nine counties feel that they have been dealt with in a capricious and arbitrary manner by the United States Department of Agriculture; now therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be requested to inform the ~~President of the United States~~ SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE of the situation which now exists among a minority group of Maryland milk producers, and to request the ~~President of the United States~~ SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE to investigate the establishment and enforcement of Federal Order No. 127, which encompasses the upper Chesapeake Bay marketing area, to determine if the need exists for legislative or administrative amendment of the original order; and be it further

Resolved, That the Maryland Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States exert their combined efforts to insure that an investigation be made of the charges of economic oppression by the various minority groups concerned; and be it further

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.