

Damage to Agricultural Crops by Wildlife in Maryland, requesting the Board to confer with the Maryland Congressional delegation and the appropriate Federal agencies concerning amending the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and to continue its study of the problems of wildlife depredation.

WHEREAS, The House of Delegates in passing House Resolution 93 in 1966 requested the Board of Natural Resources to study the means of prohibiting the destruction of agricultural crops by wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this Resolution the Board appointed a committee chaired by Dean Gordon M. Cairns of the University of Maryland, and the committee compiled *A Report on the Problems of Damage to Agricultural Crops by Wildlife in Maryland*; and

WHEREAS, This report has been hailed by agricultural experts as the most concise and thorough investigation that has been published on this subject; and

WHEREAS, The report concludes the red-winged blackbirds, cowbirds, and grackles cause approximately \$2,750,000 damage to corn in Maryland annually, but these birds are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS, The report notes the severity of the problems of agricultural losses caused by damage by birds, deer, groundhogs, rats and mice, and other wild animals but it does not include any specific recommendation for legislation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Board of Natural Resources and Dean Gordon M. Cairns are congratulated on the excellent job done in compiling *A Report on the Problems of Damage to Agricultural Crops by Wildlife in Maryland*; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Natural Resources is directed to contact Maryland's Senators and Representatives in Congress and the appropriate Federal agencies concerning amending the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Natural Resources continue its study of the problem of wildlife depredation and report to the 1969 Session of the General Assembly with specific legislation to help rectify the problem; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent Roy Walsh, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources, and Dean Gordon M. Cairns, and the members of the Maryland delegation to Congress.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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(Senate Joint Resolution 8)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council in 1968 to provide a review of the laws concerning the Public Service Commission and its power and operations.