

RESOLVED, That staff for the Committee be provided by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland, and the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 13, 1986.

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No. 13

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 23)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Fresh California Grape Boycott

FOR the purpose of encouraging all Marylanders to support the fresh grape boycott.

WHEREAS, Table grape growers in California continue their advertising campaign to convince consumers that fresh grapes are a natural snack; and

WHEREAS, The United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, have begun their "Wrath of Grape" campaign to tell the American people the truth about toxic chemicals which are used on grapes--and about how these pesticides harm farm workers;--~~and--about--the pesticide--residues--which--remain--on--the--grapes--which--the--American people--buy;~~ and

WHEREAS, The World Resources Institute reports that over 300,000 farm workers are poisoned each year by chemicals used in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Senator Nicholas Petris introduced, in the California legislature, a modest proposal requiring growers to post warning signs in fields which have recently been sprayed with dangerous pesticides; and

WHEREAS, The Petris bill was finally passed by the California Legislature in September 1985; and

WHEREAS, On October 2, 1985, California agribusiness had Governor Deukmejian veto the bill; and

WHEREAS, The California Agricultural Labor Relations Board has ceased to be a vehicle to help farm workers improve their lives; and