

(House Joint Resolution 10)

A House Joint Resoluciton concerning

Federal Coal Conversion Act

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Congressional Delegation to support the Federal Coal Conversion Act (HR 5146).

WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that the State of Maryland simultaneusly has an abundant supply of coal that can be used to prduce energy to heat buildings and generate electricity and the technology to maintain air quality standards should coal burning facilities be installed in buildings, factories, and electric generating plants; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress is currently considering HR 5146 known as the Federal Coal Conversion Act, which would require the large industrial firms which burn oil or gas to produce energy to convert to coal burning facilities; and

WHEREAS, While we are aware of the problems with the burning of coal for energy-producing purposes, it appears that in the near future as much coal as possible will have to be burned to meet our energy needs, even with the most spectacular success in conservation, public acceptance of nuclear power, and the development of solar and other energy resources; and

WHEREAS, The federal bill contains important provisions to help offset the high costs of installation of expensive coal burning and handling equipment, as well as the costs of the installation of the necessary air pollution control equipment; and

WHEREAS, Most significantly, the proposed legislation will provide an excellent stimulus to Maryland's coal industry, which, in turn, will assist in the improvement of the State's economic posture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland Congressional Delegation is urged to support the passage of HR 5146, the Federal Coal Conversion Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Goodloe E. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Newton I. Steers, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.