

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, This increase in the rate of mileage reimbursement will cost approximately \$132,000 for the remainder of fiscal year 1980, of which \$71,000 is in general funds, and will cost approximately \$399,000 on an annual basis, of which \$215,500 is in general funds; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that the several agencies be required to absorb this increased cost for fiscal year 1980; and

WHEREAS, Article 41, § 245(c) requires that a rule change involving an increase in State expenditures must be approved by the General Assembly if it is in session or by the Joint Budget and Audit Committee during the interim period; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the rule change adopted by the Board of Public Works increasing the rate of mileage reimbursement from 16 cents to 18 cents is approved, this change to take effect March 1, 1980.

Signed April 8, 1980.

No. 4

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 6)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Surface Mining and Control Act

FOR the purpose of requesting the Congress of the United States to amend a certain Act of Congress to authorize the coal producing states to establish surface mining and reclamation programs within their respective states.

It is generally acknowledged that the overlapping and often contradictory authority of various federal and state agencies engaged in the regulation of the surface and deep mining industries has resulted in unreasonable and unnecessary burdens on the economies of coal producing states, particularly Maryland; and

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) has failed to recognize or to adapt to the unique topography, climate, and problems of each coal producing state; and

The State of Maryland historically has recognized and has excelled in the promotion of the environmental and economic well-being of the State while regulating its surface mining industry; now, therefore, be it