

No. 40

(House Joint Resolution 63)

House Joint Resolution requesting Western Union to cease in its attempts to close the Western Union office in Aberdeen, Maryland, and supplant it with substitute service.

WHEREAS, Western Union is a public utility and during the past year received an approximate 35% increase from the Public Service Commission and immediately thereafter started procedures to close its offices in Aberdeen, Easton, Salisbury, Cumberland, Hagerstown, and Frederick; and

WHEREAS, These offices will be supplanted with some type of agency service, but in view of the large rate increase, this action by the Company does not improve the service afforded the general public; and

WHEREAS, The Western Union office in Aberdeen is the only company-maintained office in Harford, Cecil and Baltimore counties and customers who do not wish to use agency-operated offices for personal reasons should not be made to drive from Aberdeen to Baltimore in order to use a regular Western Union office; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Western Union seriously consider leaving its office in Aberdeen, Maryland, open as is to the general public; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Mr. Vaeth, Operations Manager of Western Union.*

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 41

(House Joint Resolution 76)

House Joint Resolution urging the establishment of a State Mediation Board and requesting the Governor to appoint a commission to study the creation of such a Board.

WHEREAS, Labor disputes, both public and private, are frequently disruptive of the citizenry's enjoyment of life; and

WHEREAS, Strikes work hardships on the people of this State by reducing the available finances of strikers and by interfering with services or products which others would normally use; and

WHEREAS, The State should use a due diligence to help avoid labor disputes and strikes; and