

cises control, has for many years fixed and maintained a freight rate on all the coal mined and transported from Allegany county, Maryland, to the seaboard largely in excess of the freight rate fixed and maintained by the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for the transportation of coal from certain points and mines in the States of West Virginia and Pennsylvania to the said seaboard, although the haul from the said mines in said Allegany county to the seaboard is much shorter than from the said points and mines in West Virginia and Pennsylvania; and

Whereas the said Western Maryland Railroad Company, at the instance of the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and in order to make effective the said illegal and unjust freight rate so fixed and maintained on the part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, also charges the same excessive freight rate on coal shipped from the said mines in said Allegany county, Maryland; and

Whereas the maintenance of the said unjust freight rate by the said railroad companies is a direct violation of the Act of Congress of the United States to regulate commerce and Acts supplementary thereto, and works great injustice to the mining and industrial interests of the State of Maryland, and particularly of Allegany county and impedes and retards the development of the mining resources of the State; and

Whereas The George's Creek Basin Coal Company of Allegany county, a mining corporation of Allegany county, Maryland, has filed its petition against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and the Western Maryland Railroad Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States in order to secure an order from the said Interstate Commerce Commission directing the said railroad companies to remove the said discriminating freight rate and the said cause is now pending before the said Interstate Commerce Commission; therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Attorney General of the State of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States and take such steps as may be proper and necessary to have the State of Maryland made a party complainant in the said case of the George's Creek Basin Coal Company of Allegany county vs. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and the Western Maryland Railroad Company and to take such steps as may be proper to assist in prosecuting said complainant with effect, and to protect the interests of the State of Maryland as the same may be involved in said proceeding before said commission and with a view of bringing about a cessation of any discriminating rate charged by said railroad companies or either of them for the carriage of Maryland coal; and

Be it further resolved, That the said Attorney General of the State of Maryland be and he is hereby directed to take such other and further steps by way of independent action, suit or proceeding in the name of the State of Maryland or otherwise before the said Interstate Commerce Commission or in any of the courts of the State or of the United States as he may deem necessary to secure the cessation of said discrimination; and

Be it further resolved, That this resolution shall take effect forthwith upon its passage.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Joint resolution by the General Assembly of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of the State in the Congress of the