

This has been a difficult subject, particularly because of the lack of accuracy in the cost accounting methods used by participating hospitals in arriving at their average in-patient per diem costs.

A year ago the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters recommended that action be taken by all hospitals to give an accurate figure for the cost of care being provided State-aided patients. As a result, a Committee composed of representatives of hospitals, headed by Dr. Russell Nelson, President of The Johns Hopkins Hospital, worked on this problem.

As a further result all of the hospitals have now agreed to incorporate a uniform accounting method which will compute accurately the cost of State-aided patients' care.

The several cooperating agencies deserve the thanks and appreciation of the General Assembly for their work and effort on this difficult problem; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the thanks and appreciation of this body are expressed for the fine contribution in the field of comparative hospital costs rendered by the Hospital Council, Dr. Russell Nelson, and the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislative Council is requested once again to assign this problem to the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters, so that during 1966 continued progress may be made in this valuable study.

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No. 4

(Senate Joint Resolution 18)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting Congress to pass legislation dealing with the problem of pollution in the waters of Maryland by sewage, oil and refuse discharged from vessels plying them.

WHEREAS, There is a problem of pollution in the waters of this State by sewage, oil and refuse of every kind discharged or dumped from vessels plying them; and

WHEREAS, The waters cross state lines; and

WHEREAS, The yachtsmen using and enjoying our fine water ways come from many states; and

WHEREAS, The vessels are manufactured in many states; and

WHEREAS, Because of these facts legislation dealing with this problem should more naturally come from Congress since it constitutes a Federal problem; and

WHEREAS, There is pending legislation in our Congress in this area; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Congress be requested to pass the appropriate legislation to deal with this problem; and be it further