

Tri-County Week should be proclaimed and inaugurated by the Governor of Maryland with all due ceremony. The cooperation of the Department of Economic Development, and of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and other State agencies would be welcome in assisting the Council and in coordinating other events with Tri-County Week; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That His Excellency the Governor of Maryland proclaim Tri-County Week, for a date to be set by the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, and enlist the aid and cooperation of agencies of the State of Maryland; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to His Excellency J. Millard Tawes, Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1966.

No. 18

(Senate Joint Resolution 21)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Fiscal Research Bureau to study and report on the expenditure of Federal funds in the State of Maryland.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland request the Fiscal Research Bureau to study and report on the existing and potential programs for the expenditure of Federal funds in the State of Maryland.

The device of Federal grants in aid which was begun with one or two programs more than forty years ago now has mushroomed into an amazing proliferation of plans and programs for the grant of Federal monies to the several states.

These programs on their surface frequently have an alluring appeal to the states. They seem to offer the promise of lots of money with no problem of taxation. Many of our people approach the question of these grants with the easy generalization that "Somebody is going to get the money, and it may as well be we."

More and more, however, the people of this State are beginning to realize there may be sharp questions of public policy in participating in the constantly increasing number of Federal grants in aid. We witness, for example, the Anti-Poverty Program which starts off on the basis of a 90%-10% split in sharing the cost, with the Federal government taking the higher share. By next year, however, this formula may be on a 50%-50% basis, and states then would be forced to make vast expenditures for which they may be ill-prepared.

There are other questions of policy in addition which cast sharp problems of public policy. Thus, in the current program for the beautification of roads, Maryland is assured that it may receive as much as \$6,000,000.00 from the Federal government in this program. The cost to the State of eliminating billboards and unsightly development along the roads could very conceivably be far more than the money realized.