

WHEREAS, it has been proven that the canvasback is one of our most manageable waterfowl and there is no reason why the canvasback should not regain and hold its position as one of North America's major game birds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Maryland General Assembly recommend the closure of hunting seasons on canvasback and redhead ducks within the Atlantic Flyway, and that this closure be continued for such time as may be necessary for these particular waterfowl populations to recover, and that it be further recommended that the United States and Canada fully cooperate in the restoration of these species; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, members of the National Waterfowl Council, and the appropriate Canadian wildlife agencies.

Approved May 2, 1969.

No. 42

(Senate Joint Resolution 26)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Board of Public Works to provide compensation to Alan Johnson of the 1000 Block, Pennsylvania Avenue.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland have considered the unfortunate imprisonment of Alan Johnson and believe that some compensation should be made to him for the time he was imprisoned in excess of his sentence.

Alan Johnson was arrested on April 8, 1968, for curfew violation and was tried and sentenced in Baltimore City Municipal Court to sixty days and fined fifty (\$50.00) dollars. He was unable to pay the fine which meant another thirty days to serve, and when the City Jail received him on April 9, 1968, his release date was set for July 7, 1968, ninety days away, but he was not released until December 24, 1968, or one hundred seventy days after his sentence was to expire.

Jail officials apparently confused him with two other men with the same surname who were in jail at one time or another while he was an inmate. Consequently, traffic charges, a larceny charge and a violation of probation involving the other men were held against him instead.

Alan Johnson's circumstances which caused him to spend six months longer in jail than his original sentence required, were due to a maze of errors by the jail, embellished by confusion in the Municipal Traffic Court. The jail records, despite a searching examination, failed to disclose precisely why he was being detained past his release date, and jail officials are unable to explain how it happened. However, the deficiencies revealed in this case included: