

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor is requested to secure funds to complete the restoration of the Constellation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor and to the Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement.

Approved April 15, 1970.

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No. 5

(House Joint Resolution 22)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States to take favorable action on the Kerner Commission's recommendation that the federal government absorb the total cost of public welfare.

WHEREAS, The Kerner Commission has recommended that the federal government absorb the total cost of public welfare; and

WHEREAS, The present state budget for social services exclusive of correctional and juvenile services amounts to approximately 60 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The present state budget for community health and medical care services amounts to approximately 90 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned appropriations for the public welfare currently comprise 19% of Maryland's annual budget; and

WHEREAS, The counties and cities of this State contribute an additional 10 million dollars to the welfare program; and

WHEREAS, the increasing costs of Medicaid under present conditions will appreciably add to state budgets in the future; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a valuable program for the people of Maryland and should be continued; and

WHEREAS, The cost of welfare programs is basically a federal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Absorption of welfare costs by the federal government would release hundreds of millions of dollars for both property tax reduction and needed new progressive programs for the underprivileged at the state level; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this body strongly urges the Congress of the United States to take early favorable action on the aforementioned Kerner Commission recommendation so that appropriate planning for property tax reduction and needed new programs for the underprivileged can be initiated in the State; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of the Congress, and to the members thereof from the State.

Approved April 15, 1970.

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No. 6

(House Joint Resolution 44)

House Joint Resolution directing the Cecil County Commissioners to appoint a special commission to develop a plan for the total police protection of Cecil County.