

WHEREAS, Most State and local governments are now taxing their citizens to the maximum extent of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Such governments must necessarily increase their revenue base in order to maintain and expand existing programs and services and to institute much needed new programs; and

WHEREAS, There are no additional revenue sources available to State and local governments which do not require the imposition of oppressive new taxes on the private and business citizen; and

WHEREAS, The Federal government has pre-empted many revenue sources from State and local governments; and

WHEREAS, An effective and comprehensive program of Federal-State revenue-sharing is absolutely essential if State and local governments are to continue to meet and serve the needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Such a Federal-State revenue-sharing program must create a fund of at least ten billion dollars if it is to be effective; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's share of such a fund would be approximately two hundred million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States should enact an effective and comprehensive program of Federal-State revenue-sharing at the earliest date; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby urged to enact a comprehensive and effective program of Federal-State revenue-sharing at the earliest possible date; and be it further

RESOLVED, THAT THE ENACTMENT OF SAID COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAM OF FEDERAL-STATE REVENUE SHARING SHALL NOT HINDER OR DIMINISH IN ANY WAY THE PRESENT APPALACHIAN PROGRAM; AND BE IT FURTHER

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the Congress from Maryland, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Vice President of the United States.

Approved May 6, 1971.

No. 3

(Senate Joint Resolution 9)

Senate Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate and study the existing State laws and rules and regulations relating to elevators, escalators and dumbwaiters, to determine the necessity of enacting laws governing same and to report thereon to the Governor and to the Legislative Council.

WHEREAS, The subject of the installation, operation and maintenance of elevators, escalators and dumbwaiters in the State of Maryland should be studied completely in order that laws may be enacted as found necessary; and