

Hygiene encourage the Governor of Maryland to appoint an independent commission to explore the problems of nursing homes in depth. This commission must explore how nursing homes are operated; who owns them; the nature of the profits involved in this essentially public industry; and, the qualifications of their personnel. We would hope such a commission would also explore alternatives to long-term custodial care in nursing homes and develop a detailed plan for immediate improvements and a long-range plan for more satisfactory care for the aging. This commission obviously must have staff and funds to conduct a complete inquiry.

"The elderly sick are particularly vulnerable to neglect in today's youth-dominated culture of America, where they have great difficulty articulating their needs. A truly humane society must insure a system that meticulously guards the dignity of its old people. It must also provide for their comfort and a high quality of medical care for them in their later years. It is the hope of this panel that its recommendations may help in moving us toward this goal." (pp. 29-30); now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That, in view of the above-quoted serious indictment of Maryland's health care for its aging by the aforementioned Board of Inquiry, and in furtherance of its recommendations for correcting the deficiencies which it has pinpointed, the Governor of the State of Maryland is hereby urged to appoint an independent commission to explore the problems of nursing homes in depth and further that this commission be empowered to explore alternatives to long-term custodial care in nursing homes and to develop a detailed plan for immediate improvements and a long-range plan for more satisfactory care for the aging; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 20

(Senate Joint Resolution 89)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting that a ~~Commission be appointed~~ THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY to study several vital areas affecting the operation of Friendship Airport and the Airport's effect on Anne Arundel County.

WHEREAS, A proposal to transfer control of Friendship Airport from the present Authority to the State Department of Transportation is now under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Airport's operations have, in the past, resulted in numerous problems for Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, successful and competitive operation of the Airport in the future is likely to exacerbate these problems for Anne Arundel County; and