deliver its final report and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly of Maryland not later than January 15, 1972; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and the State Superintendent of Schools.

Approved May 6, 1971.

No. 26

(House Joint Resolution 11)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Metropolitan Transit Authority MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION to grant reduced fare rates to retired persons sixty-five years of age or older.

Inflation, as had been said so many times these days, is one of the country's most severe problems.

It is also true that the segment of our population hardest hit by inflation is that group of persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, retired, and living on fixed incomes.

Many of the people in the retired group are having increasing difficulty in keeping up with the expenses of daily living, due to the erosion of buying power by the inflationary cycle.

One area of possible relief for these senior citizens would be the granting of reduced fares DURING THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. on the bus system operated by the Metropolitan Transit Authority MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION in the City of Baltimore and surrounding area; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION is requested to study the fare rate system and, if possible, grant reduced fare rates to retired persons who are sixty-five years of age or older; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and to its executive director SECRETARY OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Approved May 6, 1971.

No. 27

(House Joint Resolution 14)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Congressional Delegation from the State of Maryland to use all means available and all due dili-