

gence to prevent the enactment of a commuter tax in the District of Columbia and to procure the release of funds appropriated by Congress for the construction of the subway in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, In regional problems the State of Maryland has repeatedly demonstrated its sense of comity through its cooperative efforts to deal with recreation, transportation, police, pollution and water supply problems emanating from the Federal City; and

The State of Maryland stands ready to commit funds, secured from Maryland taxpayers, to subway construction in the metropolitan area; and

The 91st Congress appropriated funds to finance construction of the District portion of the subway but has to date refused to release these funds; and

The State of Maryland is concerned with the fact that the continued refusal of the Federal Government to fulfill its commitment to subway construction has allowed inflation to drive construction costs far above original estimates; and

The State of Maryland is concerned with preventing the enactment of a proposed commuter tax to finance the D.C. portion of the subway and to pay for these additional inflationary costs as this would result in a double taxing of Maryland residents who work in the District; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congressional Delegation from the State of Maryland is requested to use all available means and due diligence to prevent the enactment of a District of Columbia commuter tax; and be it further*

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congressional Delegation from the State of Maryland is requested to use all means available and all due diligence to procure the release of District of Columbia funds already appropriated by the Congress; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to each member of the Maryland Congressional Delegation.*

Approved May 6, 1971.

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(House Joint Resolution 15)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to investigate ways by which the State can assist hospitals in providing more beds for chronically ill aged patients.

The number of chronically ill aged patients is placing an increasing burden on hospitals in the State to provide adequate bed space.