

RESOLVED. That the committee is to make pertinent inquiry and specifically receive testimony concerning this matter from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the State Fire Prevention Commission, the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Maryland State Police, the Anne Arundel County Police Department, and the Anne Arundel County Fire Investigation Bureau. In addition, the committee is to question insurance company investigators and any federal officials that might aid them in their study. Finally, the report of the 1972 September term of the Anne Arundel County Grand Jury relating to this matter is to be reviewed and considered by the committee. Following its investigation, the Committee shall submit a report of its findings to the 1974 General Assembly; and, be it further

RESOLVED. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Marvin Mandel, Governor; Robert J. Lally, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Edwin R. Tully, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Earl W. Smith, Chairman of the Fire Prevention Commission; James C. Robertson, State Fire Marshal; Colonel Thomas S. Smith, Superintendent of the Department of Maryland State Police; Dr Carl N. Everstine, Director of the Department of Legislative Reference; Joseph Alton, County Executive of Anne Arundel County; Raymond G. Thieme, Jr., State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County; Edward A. Praley, Chief of the Anne Arundel County Police; Harry W. Klasmeyer, Fire Administrator for Anne Arundel County and Robert Griffith, Chief of the Anne Arundel County Fire Investigation Bureau.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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No. 32

(Senate Joint Resolution 14)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Congress to take appropriate legislative action to assist law enforcement agencies in providing safekeeping of confiscated controlled dangerous substances.

WHEREAS, The people of this country have been recently shocked at the disappearance of large quantities of confiscated heroin from the Baltimore City and New York City police departments; and

WHEREAS, Disappearance of this dangerous drug evidence undermines public confidence in our police and judicial institutions; and

WHEREAS, If we are to ever stem the growth of illicit narcotic and drug distribution, our law enforcement agencies must exercise vigilant supervision of the control and to insure swift and effective prosecution and conviction of those accused of crime; and

WHEREAS, Assistance from our federal government might be the needed catalyst to assist our police in assuring safekeeping of vital evidence and prevent the recent regretful New York and Baltimore incidents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Congress of the United States be requested to take appropriate legislative action to assist the law enforcement agencies of our nation in developing an effective and foolproof system for the care and safekeeping of dangerous drug evidence; and be