

the 118 banks and bank branches in Baltimore so far only 34 have been willing to undertake food stamp transactions, and only three out of 124 savings and loan associations have offered to sell stamps. Furthermore, those institutions that do sell stamps limit their purchase period to 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays which makes it impossible to get stamps before work, after work, on lunch hours or Saturdays; and

WHEREAS, while the banks have an understandable reluctance to have the regular customers caught in long lines of persons seeking to purchase food stamps, the load would not be all that burdensome if it were spread out for longer hours through all the banks and savings and loan associations. In addition, as long as banks are going to cash welfare checks, it would make good sense if the recipient could immediately convert some of those funds into food stamps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Maryland banks and savings and loan institutions be commended for their efforts in cashing public assistance checks; and be requested to sell food stamps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the United States Postal Service, and retail food stores and drug stores with sales over \$750,000 per year be requested to sell food stamps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland State Banking Commission, 301 Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; the Division of Building, Savings and Loan Association, 1 South Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202; the United States Postal Service, L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D. C.; and the Maryland Retail Merchants Association, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201; and the Mid Atlantic Food Council, 1019 19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

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