

FOR the purpose of requesting the appointment of a special joint legislative committee by the Legislative Council to review a report on the change of administration of the income maintenance function in the Social Services Administration of the Department of Employment and Social Services and requesting the committee to submit recommendations for changes in administration of income maintenance to the 1976 General Assembly.

WHEREAS, In the report of the fiscal committee chairmen on the 1975 budget, with respect to the budget of the Social Services Administration, it was noted that administration of the income maintenance function had been temporarily reassigned to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Social Services and the chairmen expressed concern that a permanent separation of income maintenance from other social services programs had implications which required legislative examination; and

WHEREAS, The fiscal committee chairmen requested the Department of Employment and Social Services to prepare a report on the desirability and feasibility of separate administration of income maintenance for legislative review during the 1974 Interim; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Council assigned the subject to the Senate Finance Committee as Item 7-16 on the 1974 Agenda with the request that the Committee receive and analyze the Department's report; and

WHEREAS, The Senate Finance Committee subsequently received the Departmental report, referred it to the staff for review, and received an analysis from the staff of the Department's report; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee in its 1974 Report concluded that the Departmental report raised questions with respect to administration of income maintenance which required detailed review by a special committee of the General Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Legislative Council is requested during the 1975 Interim to appoint a special joint legislative committee of members of the Senate and House of Delegates to make a detailed study of the proposals in the report of the Department of Employment and Social Services for separate administration of the income maintenance function; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the special committee is requested to