

Whereas, People, because of the fear of crime, do not use the facilities they are paying for; and

Whereas, Mounted police would be ideal for patrolling bike paths, bridle paths and park areas which car patrols and foot patrolmen cannot reach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Commissioner Pomerleau is requested to study the possibility of assigning additional mounted police to these areas and any other suitable parks; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Commissioner Donald Pomerleau, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, the Honorable Walter Orlinsky, President of the City Council, and Governor Marvin Mandel.

Approved April 13, 1976.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 58)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Federal Rent Subsidies for the Elderly

FOR the purpose of requesting the Federal Government to increase rent subsidies to senior citizens; and requesting subsidized housing projects to include utilities in rental costs.

The present adverse economic conditions have been especially hard on the elderly. Most senior citizens must live on fixed incomes; recent increases in Social Security benefits are insufficient to cover increases in rent, food and utility costs.

Federal rent subsidies were designed to ease the financial burden on the elderly. However, when HUD grants rent increases to subsidized apartment projects without concurrently raising rent subsidies, the elderly residents are forced to absorb costs which they plainly cannot afford.

No senior citizen should be forced to choose between paying rent and going without food or utilities. It is unconscionable to deny these elderly people the right to live with dignity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body urges the federal government to increase rent subsidies for the elderly in amounts sufficient to cover