

FOR the purpose of urging the Conowingo Power Company to exercise understanding, prudence and good judgment in dealing with the arrearages of customers who recently have been faced with a large and unexpected increase in their utility rates.

As a result of a recent purchase power adjustment, authorized by the Federal Power Commission, by which the supplier from whom the Conowingo Power Company purchases its electricity was permitted a rate increase, the Conowingo Power Company has in turn raised its rates to its customers.

Many of these customers, who have always been conscientious and prompt in the payment of their utility bills, are now experiencing the additional burden of an unexpected rate increase in an already tight economy. These same customers, unable to meet promptly their utility payments, are faced with the double hardship of having their power service interrupted in the middle of winter. No one can deny that present economic conditions are difficult at best and that unexpected rate increases in such fundamental necessities as utilities can cause insurmountable economic difficulties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body urges the Conowingo Power Company to exercise understanding, prudence and good judgment in dealing with the arrearages of customers who recently have been faced with exorbitant unexpected increases in their utility rates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Conowingo Power Company, 213 North Street, Elkton, Maryland 21921; and to the Philadelphia Electric Company, 2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 139)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia

FOR the purpose of urging the U.S. Government to continue recognizing Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia as independent nations.

WHEREAS, The three Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been illegally occupied by the Soviet