

RESOLVED, That the Committee report its findings and recommendations to the signatories of the Compact by January 1, 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Charles S. Robb, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and the Honorable Marion S. Barry, Jr., Mayor of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Signed May 21, 1985.

No. 30

(House Joint Resolution No. 72)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Amtrak

FOR the purpose of requesting the United States Congress to provide sufficient funding to keep the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, known as Amtrak, in an operationally and financially sound position.

WHEREAS, The National Railroad Passenger Corporation, known as Amtrak, serves the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Our citizens' use of Amtrak has increased continuously since 1971 until at the present time 1,184,788 persons in 1984 used Amtrak to arrive in and depart from points in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak directly employs 2,540 citizens of this State with annualized earnings of \$55.9 million and indirectly supports the employment of thousands of other citizens of this State through the purchase of supplies and equipment from their employers; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has expended over \$11.3 million for passenger facilities, goods, and services; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has continually improved the quality of service, the corporation's financial position, and the number of passengers carried to the point where Amtrak transported 22 million people in 1984 and expects to increase that amount by 2% to 3% in 1985; and