

- (d) Imposing an 18-month moratorium on all new commitments for Farmers Home Administration loans for construction of low- and moderate-income housing in rural communities, paralleling the freeze on housing subsidies in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, The net impact, should the present reductions in these programs persist, will be the further demise of many small farm operations; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the General Assembly of Maryland that the continuance of the above-mentioned drastic reductions will have a highly deleterious effect on the farm families of Maryland and on American agriculture generally; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly respectfully requests President Richard Nixon and the United States Congress to take prompt steps to restore the funds for these programs which are so useful for agriculture and the American farmer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Richard M. Nixon, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.; to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Independence Ave. between 12th & 14th Streets, S. W., Washington, D. C.; to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office Building, Southeast Corner, 17th & Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.; to Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and J. Glenn Beall, Jr., United States Senate, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510; to Congressmen William O. Mills, Clarence D. Long, Paul Sarbanes, Marjorie S. Holt, Lawrence J. Hogan, Goodloe E. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Gilbert Gude, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515; and to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, S. W., Washington, D. C.

Approved April 26, 1973.

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No. 9

(House Joint Resolution 44)

House Joint Resolution urging the hospitals of Maryland to adopt "The Patient's Bill of Rights" proposed by the American Hospital Association.

WHEREAS, The patients in all Maryland hospitals deserve effective care, satisfaction and total participation in the healing process; and

WHEREAS, In the increasingly complex and sometimes impersonal atmosphere of large institutions, each patient should feel there is an interested doctor - patient - hospital relationship; and

WHEREAS, The American Hospital Association has attempted to preserve patient's rights and dignity by the following listed rights:

1. The patient has the right to considerate and respectful care.
2. The patient has the right to obtain from his physician complete current information concerning his diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in terms the patient can be reasonably expected to understand. When it is not medically advisable to give such information to the patient, the information should be made available to