

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Blair Lee III, Acting Governor of the State of Maryland.

*Not signed by the Acting Governor.

No. 63*

{House Joint Resolution 121}

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Western Maryland Energy Crisis

FOR the purpose of requesting the Acting Governor of the State of Maryland to ask the President of the United States to declare Western Maryland a disaster area entitled to federal economic assistance and relief because of the extreme cost of the pass through fuel adjustment charges being placed on the customers of the Potomac Edison System as a result of the coal strike.

WHEREAS, The coal strike has prevented adequate supplies of coal from reaching the Hatfields Ferry, Fort Martin, Harrison and Albright power plants in the Allegheny Power System of which the Potomac Edison Company is a part; and

WHEREAS, Said coal shortages have required the Potomac Edison Company to purchase 60 percent of their total kilowatt hours from the grid system; and

WHEREAS, The kilowatt hours purchased by the Potomac Edison Company from the grid system have cost them approximately four times the cost of kilowatt hours produced by their own system; and

WHEREAS, The increased costs of kilowatt hours through the grid system incurred by the Potomac Edison Company have already and will be in the future passed on to Potomac Edison utility customers in Western Maryland resulting in severe economic hardship to said customers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Acting Governor of the State of Maryland shall ask the President of the United States to declare Western Maryland, which is served electric power by the Potomac Edison Company, a disaster area entitled to federal economic relief and assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States; Senator Charles McC.