

retention or transfer of any State employees, including supervisory personnel, affected by the proposed program changes and that such transfers should be, as far as practicable, without loss of pay and to positions directly providing service to the public or otherwise increasing the productivity of the agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to The Honorable Marvin Mandel, Governor of the State of Maryland, and the Secretary of the Budget and Fiscal Planning.

*Not signed by the Governor.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 153)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Review of Budget Process and Legislative Oversight

FOR the purpose of requesting the Policy Committee to direct a review of the budget process and legislative oversight and to report its findings to the General Assembly by no later than December 1, 1976.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland is constantly reviewing and improving its procedures in order to re-establish its position as a co-equal branch of government; and

WHEREAS, Despite these efforts, the public is dissatisfied with the size and unresponsiveness of government at all levels, as has been demonstrated by a recent finding by pollster Louis Harris that "72 percent of the public no longer feel they get good value from their tax dollars"; and

[[WHEREAS, Much of the public dissatisfaction with big government stems from the fact that executive branch growth has outpaced legislative review and that oversight has been, in the words of Alan Rosenthal of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, the "neglected stepchild" of the legislative process; and]]

WHEREAS, The oversight efforts of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee and the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review should be complemented by similar oversight efforts by the nonfiscal [[committee]] committees of the General Assembly; and