

WHEREAS, The railroad retirement system today covers over 1 million individuals who have contributed over the years in good faith and have legitimate expectations of receiving their benefits; and

WHEREAS, The National Performance Review Board proposes to transfer the functions of the Railroad Retirement Board to the Social Security Administration, other federal agencies, and private sector service providers; and

WHEREAS, This proposal would privatize and terminate a program that has worked well and provided retirement security of 1.3 million active, retired, and disabled rail workers and their families for nearly 60 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the United States Congress reject the proposal by the National Performance Review Board to transfer the functions of the Railroad Retirement Board to the Social Security Administration, other federal agencies, and private sector service providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the National Performance Review Board, Office of the Vice President, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20501.

Signed May 18, 1995.

Joint Resolution No. 4

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 11)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to continue present levels of support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WHEREAS, Some leaders in the United States Congress have proposed to cut all federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which supports public radio and television stations throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Funds provided through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting make possible the production and local airing of television programs such as "Sesame Street", "Nova", and the "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour", and public radio broadcasts such as "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered", among many nationally produced programs; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Public Television (MPT), which provides high quality television to all Marylanders whether or not they live in an urban area or have cable service, is only one of many State public broadcasting networks which would be forced to cut back its offerings without the funds that it receives from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and