

14 Resolutions - (continued)

Dr. Hiram W. Davis, Commissioner of the Dept. of Mental Hygiene and Hospitals for \$1,000,000 to help build and \$750,000 to help staff the COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CENTERS; and \$210,000 to plan the PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE: funds for a 500 bed facility for RETARDED CHILDREN rather than a 350-bed facility; establishment of a SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR GERIATRIC PATIENTS; and the rechanneling of funds for REGIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY, rather than enlarge present centralized facilities. (see HB 448)

It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the FCDC support House Bill No. 304 and its companion Senate Bill 181, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH BONDS, and that the FCDC's resolution be transmitted to Sen. Fitzgerald and the other Democratic members of our Legislative Delegation.

4. Re-Tuition Grant Program. The FCDC went on record as expressing its DISAPPROVAL of the present TUITION GRANT PROGRAM and urging our legislators to seek other means of obtaining financial assistance for the parents of handicapped children who seek to educate these children (and have been gaining benefit from the tuition grant program). Resolution to be forwarded to our legislators.
5. Re-Commission for Constitutional Government. The FCDC UNEQUIVOCABLY OPPOSED the existence of the Commission on Constitutional Government, whether financed through public or private funds and REQUESTS THAT OUR DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION VOTE AGAINST the current request for appropriation of state monies to support the operation of the Commission for Constitutional Government. (See HB 66, HB 653)
6. Re-United States Constitutional Convention. The FCDC APPROVED a resolution urging the General Assembly to RESCIND THE RESOLUTION calling for the U. S. Constitutional Convention to overthrow the Supreme Court one-man one-vote rule with respect to one of the houses of the State Legislatures.
7. Re-Education - Advanced Degrees. The FCDC APPROVED a resolution urging the General Assembly representatives from Fairfax to introduce legislation or take such other steps as are necessary or desirable to establish in the Northern Virginia Area programs for obtaining college and advanced degrees by evening and part-time classroom work.
8. Re-Welfare and Corrections. The FCDC urged the Virginia Assembly to adopt the proposals OF THE Dept. of Welfare and Corrections to: (1) Authorize the attendance of local jailors at the State Correctional Training School; (2) Authorize the State Board to establish and maintain a system of Half-Way Houses for the temporary care of adults; (3) Authorize inmates of adult correctional institutions to participate in work release programs; (4) Authorize the Court to proceed against a putative father for the support of his children when he stands mute in Court; (5) Support the proposal to place the power to sentence in the hands of the Court, rather than the Jury, in all criminal cases, not just those involving capital offenses committed by convicts; and (6) Inaugurate and maintain a program for support of Day-Care services provided by cities and counties -- either through operation of centers or purchase of service from privately operated centers. (Item (3) See HB 514)
9. Re-Compulsory Attendance - The FCDC URGED the Virginia Assembly to enact legislation requiring compulsory attendance in public school from the age of six years until the completion of high school or to the age of 18. (See HB 222, HB 296).
10. Re-Financing Rapid Transit. The FCDC URGED the General Assembly to adopt legislation to contribute one-half of the \$147,000,000 (for N.Va. portion of rapid transit, capital contributions over construction period of 10 or 11 years) to aid in the financing of the construction of the rapid transit system in Northern Virginia.
11. RE-Vacancies in the Board of Supervisors. The FCDC FAVORS prompt filling of vacancies in the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors by election in all cases. (Note: Under the Urban County Plan in Fairfax, it is possible in some instances for an appointed supervisor to serve as much as a year and a half. It is the intent of the resolution to insure that vacancies in the Board of Supervisors will be filled by election as is done in other principal jurisdictions in N. Va.) (HB 637)
12. Re-State Minimum Wage Law. The FCDC APPROVED a resolution calling upon the General Assembly to enact a State Minimum Wage Law setting a minimum wage starting at not less than \$1.25 an hour and increasing by periodic steps to a level sufficient to assure all workers in Virginia at least a fair minimum standard of living. The resolution called for copies to be sent to our Fairfax County members of the Legislature. (HB 898)
13. Re-Mandatory Dedication of Parkland and School Sites. The FCDC APPROVED a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County to join the Committee in requesting the Virginia General Assembly to pass enabling legislation permitting the County to require developers to dedicate parkland and school sites or pay an equivalent fee where such sites are not available. (HB 1059) (N. Va. Builders urging members to fight the legislation)
14. Re-Study on Funding Open Space. The FCDC APPROVED a resolution to request the Fairfax Co. Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to join the Committee in asking the General Assembly and the Virginia Outdoor Recreation Commission to request that the VALC appoint a Commission to study the means of acquiring and financing open space, particularly in the urbanizing areas, as a follow-up to the excellent study done by the Bemiss Commission and make appropriate recommendations to the Va. General Assembly when it meets in 1970. (See HB 294 for part of this request)

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