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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

## No. 167

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY RICHARDSON, HARPER, COHEN, BARBER, EARLEY, REED,  
WHITE AND SHADDING, JANUARY 30, 1980

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 31, 1980

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In the House of Representatives, January 30, 1980

1 WHEREAS, It appears that the distribution of medicinal drugs  
2 at State prisons and correctional institutions may not be  
3 strictly controlled; and

4 WHEREAS, It appears that narcotic-related drugs may be used  
5 as a form of behavior control imposed upon inmates by prison  
6 guards; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
8 appoint a special committee composed of seven members of the  
9 House, four from the majority party and three from the minority  
10 party, to investigate the distribution and use of both medicinal  
11 and narcotic-related drugs at State prisons and correctional  
12 institutions; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold public hearings, take  
14 testimony and make its study at such places as it deems  
15 necessary within the Commonwealth. Each member of the committee  
16 shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to  
17 witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee  
2 has made its report the chairman of the committee shall cause a  
3 record of all expenses incurred by the committee or the members  
4 thereof which are payable at Commonwealth expense to be filed  
5 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the  
6 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred  
7 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by  
8 the Chief Clerk unless such expenses shall have first been  
9 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;  
10 and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings  
12 and recommendations as soon as possible to the General Assembly.