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In the House of Representatives, February 18, 1975

1 For years the University of Pennsylvania has operated the
2 Graduate Hospital at 19th and Lombard Streets in Philadelphia.
3 It now has come to the attention of some of the members of the
4 General Assembly that the hospital may be closed as of March 1,
5 1975.

6 The reason given for the threatened closure is financial.
7 During the 1973-1974 fiscal year the hospital purportedly lost
8 one million dollars, the bulk of it in the out-patient
9 department.

10 An investigation is in order to determine whether the
11 hospital can remain open since it is an asset that is vital to
12 the people of the community it serves, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives of~~ <—
14 ~~the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appoint a bipartisan committee~~
15 ~~of five members, three from the majority and two from the~~
16 ~~minority~~, SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE <—
17 ON HEALTH AND WELFARE conduct a thorough investigation of the

1 threatened closing of the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
4 testimony, and make its investigation at such places as it deems
5 necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under
6 the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to
7 appear before it and to answer questions touching matters
8 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce
9 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems
10 necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and
11 shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the
12 courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who wilfully neglects or
13 refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any books,
14 papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the penalties
15 provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such case. Each
16 member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths and
17 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That within thirty calendar days after the
20 committee has made its report, the chairman of the committee
21 shall cause a record of all expenses incurred by the committee,
22 or the members thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth
23 expense, to be filed with the Speaker of the House and the
24 Speaker shall cause the same to be entered in the journal
25 thereof. No expenses incurred by the committee or any member
26 thereof shall be reimbursable by the Chief Clerk unless such
27 expense shall first have been included as an expense item in the
28 record heretofore required; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the
30 General Assembly as soon as possible.