

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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In the House of Representatives, February 2, 1976

1 WHEREAS, The home building industry has suffered in recent
2 years, and

3 WHEREAS, Builders who have subdivided land areas and who are
4 ready, willing and able to start home construction to reduce
5 recession have been held by red tape; and

6 WHEREAS, There are so many local and State agencies which
7 must give approval for any construction or part thereof;
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
10 appoint a committee of eight members composed of four members
11 each from the Local Government and State Government Committees
12 to investigate and study the land subdivision process as
13 involved with the home building industry in Pennsylvania; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That the committee explore the possibilities of
16 establishing definite procedures and time limitations within
17 which approval or nonapproval (of subdivision or any necessary
18 particular thereof) be rendered by the agencies involved in the

1 approval process; and be it further

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

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

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