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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BERLIN, MANDERINO, TOLL, A. P. KELLY, KERNICK,  
McLANE, GILLESPIE, STAPLETON, COWELL, COHEN, GALLAGHER,  
MILLIRON, GIAMMARCO AND BURNS, FEBRUARY 3, 1976

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 4, 1976

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In the House of Representatives, February 3, 1976

1 WHEREAS, Terrorist acts are occurring with greater frequency  
2 at public transportation terminals and facilities; and

3 WHEREAS, Such acts have resulted in the loss of life and  
4 serious injury; and

5 WHEREAS, Such acts are likely to continue in the foreseeable  
6 future; and

7 WHEREAS, During the Bicentennial year, the facilities will be  
8 accommodating large numbers of visitors to the Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Such acts attack the capacity of the emergency  
10 systems needed to respond to such scenes; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
12 appoint a bipartisan committee of nine members, five from the  
13 majority party and four from the minority party, to investigate  
14 security and safety at public transportation terminals and  
15 facilities; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take  
17 testimony, and make its investigation at such places as it deems

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

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

25       RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the  
26 General Assembly as soon as possible.