

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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In the House of Representatives, April 6, 1976

1 On March 19, 1976 a disturbance arose around the office of
2 the Philadelphia Newspapers Inc. when the members of the
3 Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO
4 refused to allow employees of the company and others to enter or
5 leave the premises.

6 This restraining action was taken even though the newspaper
7 did not have a contract with this particular union and was not
8 involved in any disputes with it.

9 It has been alleged that when the newspaper asked the
10 Philadelphia Police Department for assistance they were turned
11 down. The disturbance finally ended when a Federal Judge granted
12 an injunction. This incident should be investigated to determine
13 if we have adequate laws to protect against this type of
14 incident or to determine if our laws were not properly enforced;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives directs its Law
17 and Justice Committee to investigate the incident that occurred

1 on March 19, 1976 at the offices of the Philadelphia Newspapers
2 Inc.; and 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 the committee report back to the General
20 Assembly as soon as possible.