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GOODMAN, PRENDERGAST, PARKER, POTT, BURD, FREIND, McCALL AND
B. F. O'BRIEN, JUNE 14, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 15, 1977

In the House of Representatives, June 14, 1977

1 WHEREAS, Despite recent gains in the economy Pennsylvania is
2 still a job-short area; and

3 WHEREAS, The shortage of employment has a devastating effect
4 on those without jobs, depriving them of their dignity as well
5 as the means of supporting themselves and their families; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition, State and local governmental units are
7 deprived of tax revenue when there is a shortage of jobs and the
8 costs of government constantly rise because of the additional
9 demands on welfare and unemployment compensation; and

10 WHEREAS, The recent decision of Volkswagen to locate a plant
11 in Pennsylvania demonstrates that fundamentally the Keystone
12 State has the natural resources, a skilled labor force with a
13 desire to work and public officials who want to coordinate their
14 efforts at producing work for the people; and

15 WHEREAS, The problems associated with the location of
16 Volkswagen also demonstrated that the myriad layers of
17 Pennsylvania government, with their many laws, rules and

1 regulations, sometimes hamper the attraction of new industry,
2 with new jobs for Pennsylvania; and

3 WHEREAS, It is the desire of the House of Representatives of
4 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the Joint State Government
5 Commission undertake a study to determine how a single agency
6 can be established to coordinate the efforts of all
7 Pennsylvanians to attract jobs; now therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission be
9 directed to study the problems faced by new industries wishing
10 to locate in Pennsylvania, particularly those that are caused by
11 a lack of cooperation between units of local and State
12 government; and that the Joint State Government Commission
13 produce a plan under which a single agency would coordinate the
14 efforts of all Pennsylvanians to attract jobs; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission
16 recommend changes in the law that will permit such agency to
17 function effectively; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report
19 its findings as soon as possible, but provide a preliminary
20 report not later than December 31, 1977, along with drafts of
21 legislation necessary to carry out the measures recommended. The
22 commission shall make a final report not later than June 1,
23 1978.