

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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BRANDT, WENGER AND THOMAS, JUNE 14, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS, JUNE 15, 1977

In the House of Representatives, June 14, 1977

1 WHEREAS, The loss of prime farmland to nonfarm uses continues
2 at a rate which could impair the food producing capacity of the
3 Nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's farmlands, which are among the most
5 productive in the world are under severe urban pressures, and
6 are going out of production at approximately 100,000 acres per
7 year; and

8 WHEREAS, In recognition of the rapid urban encroachment on
9 the prime farmlands of the Commonwealth, the legislature has
10 enacted several laws to retain land in agriculture, most notably
11 is the Farmland and Forestland Assessment Act which required
12 amending the Constitution to permit differential assessment of
13 farmland; and

14 WHEREAS, The "National Agricultural Land Policy Act," now
15 being considered by the Congress of the United States as
16 H.R.5882 would greatly aid in the effort of agricultural
17 preservation through its provisions for study, research and

1 financial assistance to state and local governments; therefore
2 be it

3 RESOLVED (the Senate Concurring), That the General Assembly
4 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania respectfully request the
5 Congress of the United States to enact the "National
6 Agricultural Land Policy Act" to enable the State of
7 Pennsylvania and other states to act deliberately to preserve
8 their agricultural industries; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the members of Congress elected from this
10 State are respectfully requested to employ their good offices to
11 bring the quick and favorable consideration by Congress of the
12 "National Agricultural Land Policy Act,"; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 the presiding officer of each House of Congress of the United
15 States and to each Senator and Representative from Pennsylvania
16 in the Congress of the United States.