
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY O'KEEFE, STAPLETON, DOYLE, GARZIA, HOEFFEL AND
O'DONNELL, FEBRUARY 15, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 21, 1978

In the House of Representatives, February 15, 1978

1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth enacted
2 legislation on August 14, 1963 permitting the establishment of
3 metropolitan transportation authorities to alleviate the
4 transportation problems and difficulties of metropolitan areas;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation
7 Authority was formed on or about February 18, 1964 in accordance
8 with the provisions of the act of August 14, 1963 (P.L.984,
9 No.450), known as the "Metropolitan Transportation Authorities
10 Act of 1963"; and

11 WHEREAS, A multitude of serious concerns and troubling
12 questions have arisen concerning the purpose, funding,
13 management and operations of the Southeastern Pennsylvania
14 Transportation Authority; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 directs the House Transportation Committee to study and
17 investigate the questions and concerns of the public relating to

1 the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority with a
2 view to improving the same; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
4 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
5 deems necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas
6 under 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 willfully neglects
13 or refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any
14 books, papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the
15 penalties provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such case.
16 Each member of the committee shall have power to administer
17 oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the
18 committee; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
20 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
21 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
22 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
23 with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Speaker
24 shall cause the same to be entered in the journal thereof. No
25 expenses incurred by the committee or any member thereof shall
26 be reimbursable by the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall
27 first have been included as an expense item in the record
28 heretofore required; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the committee report back as soon as its study
30 and investigation are completed together with its findings and

1 recommendations.