

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WILSON, PIEVSKY AND O'CONNELL, APRIL 18, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 18, 1978

In the House of Representatives, April 18, 1978

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has entered into
2 contracts with outside individuals and organizations totaling
3 more than \$275,000,000; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has entered into 409 contracts for
5 amounts in excess of \$50,000 each, totaling more than
6 \$238,000,000; and

7 WHEREAS, The practice of contracting with outside individuals
8 and organizations for such large sums of money raises serious
9 questions regarding the wisdom and propriety of such agreements;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives directs the
12 standing House Committee on Appropriations to conduct a thorough
13 and complete study of all Commonwealth contracts to determine
14 whether the best interests of the citizens of Pennsylvania are
15 being served by spending such large sums of money for goods and
16 services that might be unnecessary or that could be accomplished
17 by the use of Commonwealth personnel and equipment; and be it
18 further

1 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
2 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
3 deems necessary. It may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal
4 of its chairman commanding any person to appear before it and to
5 answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into
6 by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and
7 documents as the committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may
8 be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of
9 subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any
10 person who willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the
11 committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents,
12 shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the
13 Commonwealth in such case. Each member of the committee shall
14 have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses
15 appearing before the committee; and be it further
16 RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its findings to the
17 House of Representatives by September 1, 1978.