

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 986

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 23, 1979

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, limiting legislative activities of the  
3 General Assembly when annual appropriations are not enacted  
4 three months before the beginning of the fiscal year.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
8 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with  
9 the provisions of Article XI thereof:

10 That section 11 of Article III be amended to read:

11 § 11. Appropriation bills.

12 (a) The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but  
13 appropriations for the executive, legislative and judicial  
14 departments of the Commonwealth, for the public debt and for  
15 public schools. All other appropriations shall be made by  
16 separate bills, each embracing but one subject.

17 (b) If the General Assembly has not passed annual  
18 appropriations for the ordinary and necessary expenses of the  
19 Commonwealth prior to three months before the beginning of the

1 next fiscal year the legislative activities of the General  
2 Assembly shall, beginning three months before the beginning of  
3 the next fiscal year be restricted to matters concerning State  
4 taxation and annual appropriations until appropriations for the  
5 ordinary and necessary expenses of the Commonwealth are enacted.

6 (c) During the period in which legislative activities are  
7 restricted under subsection (b), the members of the General  
8 Assembly shall not receive any pay or allowances or be  
9 reimbursed for any expenses.