

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WILT, DOMBROWSKI, CAPPABIANCA, BOWSER, BOYES AND
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS
AMENDED, APRIL 21, 1981

In the House of Representatives, April 7, 1981

1 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Basin, connected to the sea by the
2 St. Lawrence, is an environmental system of tremendous economic
3 and natural value; and

4 WHEREAS, The navigational accessibility to the region has
5 encouraged the emergence of one of America's important
6 manufacturing and industrial regions; and

7 WHEREAS, Ninety-five per cent of the fresh water of the
8 United States is contained within the Great Lakes; and

9 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes, covering ninety-five thousand
10 square miles, is a valuable regional fishery producing ten
11 million pounds of fish annually; and

12 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes regional tourist economy is
13 dependent upon environmental integrity of the Great Lakes
14 region; and

15 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes region is shared by eight states and
16 the Province of Ontario; and

1 WHEREAS, The region's continued productive future is largely
2 dependent on close cooperation of provincial and state
3 governments; and

4 WHEREAS, The successful Interstate Committee on Lake Erie is
5 being extended to all Great Lakes states to encourage broader
6 legislative input into the various environmental decisions
7 affecting this important region; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED (THE SENATE CONCURRING), That the Speaker of the <—
9 House of Representatives appoint five members of the House,
10 three of whom shall be from the majority party and two from the
11 minority party, and that the President pro tempore of the Senate
12 appoint five members of the Senate, three of whom shall be from
13 the majority party and two from the minority party to the
14 Interstate Committee on the Great Lakes. Such committee shall
15 investigate various environmental, navigational and other
16 concerns of the Great Lakes region and shall make
17 recommendations for appropriate legislative action necessary to
18 correct such problems; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold public hearings, take
20 testimony and make its study at such places as it deems
21 necessary within the Great Lakes region; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its findings
23 together with its recommendations for appropriate legislative
24 action or otherwise to the General Assembly from time to time.