

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 1, 1985

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the House Transportation Committee to conduct a study
2 of the Department of Transportation's plan to furlough
3 approximately 370 highway maintenance workers Statewide.

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has recently
5 announced that it will furlough approximately 370 highway
6 maintenance workers, which is nearly 75% of the workers in this
7 job classification Statewide, effective November 1, 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, Some highway maintenance districts will receive no
9 furloughs, while other districts will lay off their entire
10 highway maintenance work force; and

11 WHEREAS, The department has announced its plan to replace the
12 furloughed maintenance workers with higher salaried equipment
13 operators; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the past two years, the department has already
15 cut the highway maintenance work force from 2,300 workers to 500
16 workers; and

17 WHEREAS, MANY OF THE MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITIONS ARE FILLED

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1 BY DEDICATED HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM THEIR
2 DUTIES IN AN EXCELLENT MANNER; AND

3 WHEREAS, Highway maintenance workers are responsible for
4 filling potholes, repairing road shoulders, chipping winter ice
5 and general road maintenance; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the House
7 Transportation Committee to conduct a study of the methodology
8 and consequences of the Department of Transportation's furlough
9 plans; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Transportation Committee report its
11 findings to the General Assembly; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request the
13 Secretary of Transportation to postpone the department's
14 furlough plans until at least July 1, 1986; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
16 THE GOVERNOR, the Secretary of Transportation and the Deputy
17 Secretary of Administration of the Department of Transportation.

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