

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 396 Session of
1994

INTRODUCED BY LYNCH, BARLEY, CHADWICK, PITTS, GEIST, CORNELL,
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EGOLF, OLASZ, STRITTMATTER, KING AND DeLUCA, OCTOBER 5, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 5, 1994

A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for a task force to investigate certain pricing
2 practices.

3 WHEREAS, Price gouging of products during times of market
4 disruption may create unconscionably high prices for consumers
5 and excessive profits for producers; and

6 WHEREAS, When a market is influenced by military action,
7 embargoes or extreme weather conditions, producers periodically
8 charge excessive prices for products; and

9 WHEREAS, "Essential safeguards" for the public must be
10 assured to protect the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Price gouging exists if there is a gross disparity
12 between the price of the product immediately before and
13 immediately after a market emergency and if that disparity is
14 not substantially attributable to additional costs imposed to
15 suppliers; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That a task force be created to present its
2 findings and any recommended legislation to the House of
3 Representatives; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the task force be comprised of the Governor,
5 the Attorney General, the Chairman and the Minority Chairman of
6 the Business and Economic Development Committee, the Chairman
7 and the Minority Chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee of
8 the House of Representatives or the respective task force
9 member's designated appointee; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the task force shall prepare a final report
11 for presentation to the House of Representatives by January 1,
12 1996.