
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 100 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY GANNON, MARCH 14, 2001

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 20, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Judiciary Committee to hold public hearings on
2 energy prices.

3 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth are dependent upon
4 energy sources for comfortable and productive lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Energy prices across this Commonwealth have
6 fluctuated dramatically over the course of the past year; and

7 WHEREAS, The causes of these dramatic energy price
8 fluctuations are not readily apparent to the citizens of this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, There is growing concern among the citizens of this
11 Commonwealth for answers regarding the causes of dramatic
12 fluctuations in the price of energy; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
14 Judiciary Committee to hold public hearings to study the
15 availability, supply and price of energy provided from any
16 source, including Philadelphia Gas Works and the Philadelphia
17 Gas Commission, including any price hikes occurring during any

1 12-month period during the years 1999, 2000 and/or 2001 of more
2 than 50% to Pennsylvania consumers to determine whether any
3 Federal or State statutes have been violated and to make
4 possible legislative recommendations in connection with these
5 findings; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the expenses incurred by the committee in
7 carrying out its responsibilities, including per diem and travel
8 expenses incurred by members and regular staff, expenses for
9 stenographic records and incidental expenses, be paid from
10 appropriate accounts under the control of the Chief Clerk and be
11 in addition to any other amount authorized by the Majority
12 Leader, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MINORITY LEADER, for expenses <—
13 for contractors, consultants, investigators and staff; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
16 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems
17 necessary in this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under the
18 hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to appear
19 before the committee and to answer questions touching matters
20 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce
21 such books, papers, records, documents and other tangible things
22 as the committee deems necessary. The subpoenas may be served
23 upon any person and shall have the same effect as subpoenas
24 issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who
25 willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the committee or
26 to produce any books, papers, records, documents or other
27 tangible things shall be subject to the penalties provided by
28 the laws of this Commonwealth in such case. Each member of the
29 committee shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations
30 to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That committee report to the House of
2 Representatives on its activities, findings and recommendations;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the chairman, with the report of the
5 committee, cause a record of all expenses incurred by the
6 committee or the members thereof which are payable at
7 Commonwealth expense to be filed with the Chief Clerk.