
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, DECEMBER 10, 1985

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 undertake a performance audit of the administration and
3 implementation of the Commonwealth's surplus foods program.

4 WHEREAS, There are elderly and poor citizens of the
5 Commonwealth who need or would benefit by aid in the form of
6 free or inexpensive food in order to maintain their health; and

7 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth receives allotments of surplus
8 foods for distribution to such persons; and

9 WHEREAS, It has been reported that the present administration
10 has recently turned down certain of the surplus foods which were
11 to be made available to Pennsylvania's citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, This may pose a danger to the health and welfare of
13 certain of Pennsylvania's citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, The Governor has reportedly indicated that in
2 certain instances errors have been made in the administration of
3 the program; and

4 WHEREAS, There has been widespread criticism by the news
5 media of the administration of the surplus foods program in
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, A report published by the United States General
8 Accounting Office has cited certain inefficiencies and problems
9 in the management of the surplus foods program by the
10 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
12 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to undertake a
13 performance audit of the Commonwealth's program for receipt,
14 disbursement and distribution of surplus foods; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
17 report its findings by June 30, 1986, or six months after the
18 date of adoption of this resolution, whichever occurs later; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That this performance audit examine the efficiency,
21 effectiveness, results and compliance of the surplus foods
22 program; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That all agencies of State government be urged to
24 cooperate with the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee in
25 this endeavor, and make available as expeditiously as possible,
26 any files or records which the Legislative Budget and Finance
27 Committee identifies as necessary for its examination for
28 purposes of the performance audit; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That such agencies make available for interview any
30 and all employees involved in activities related to the

1 administration and implementation of the surplus foods program.