

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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W. W. FOSTER AND BRANDT, FEBRUARY 10, 1975

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AS AMENDED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 19, 1975

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In the House of Representatives, February 10, 1975

1 WHEREAS, The financial stability of our agricultural  
2 cooperatives plays a very important role in the economic  
3 viability of our rural communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The recent economic difficulties of some of our  
5 agricultural cooperatives have seriously affected many of our  
6 farming communities; and

7 WHEREAS, In view of the current financial problems of our  
8 agricultural cooperatives, it is of the utmost importance that  
9 these problems should be thoroughly explored in order that  
10 appropriate legislative action may be taken to correct the  
11 situation; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
13 appoint the members of the Agriculture and Dairy Industries  
14 Committee of the House of Representatives to investigate,  
15 explore and determine the causes, effects and solutions to the  
16 economic difficulties of the agricultural cooperatives; and be  
17 it further

1       RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take  
2 testimony, and make its investigation at such places as it deems  
3 necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under  
4 the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to  
5 appear before it and to answer questions touching matters  
6 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce  
7 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems  
8 necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and  
9 shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the  
10 courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who wilfully neglects or  
11 refuses to testify before the committee OR TO PRODUCE ANY BOOKS, <—  
12 PAPERS, RECORDS, OR DOCUMENTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES  
13 PROVIDED BY THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN SUCH CASE. EACH  
14 MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE shall have power to administer oaths and  
15 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be  
16 it further

17       RESOLVED, That within thirty calendar days after the  
18 committee has made its report, the chairman of the committee  
19 shall cause a record of all expenses incurred by the committee,  
20 or the members thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth  
21 expense, to be filed with the Speaker of the House and the  
22 Speaker shall cause the same to be entered in the journal  
23 thereof. No expenses incurred by the committee or any member  
24 thereof shall be reimbursable by the Chief Clerk unless such  
25 expense shall first have been included as an expense item in the  
26 record heretofore required; and be it further

27       RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the  
28 General Assembly as soon as possible.