

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

## No. 46

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. BERSON, VANN AND RICHARDSON,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 18, 1975

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In the House of Representatives, February 18, 1975

1       For years the University of Pennsylvania has operated the  
2 Graduate Hospital at 19th and Lombard Streets in Philadelphia.  
3 It now has come to the attention of some of the members of the  
4 General Assembly that the hospital may be closed as of March 1,  
5 1975.

6       The reason given for the threatened closure is financial.  
7 During the 1973-1974 fiscal year the hospital purportedly lost  
8 one million dollars, the bulk of it in the out-patient  
9 department.

10       An investigation is in order to determine whether the  
11 hospital can remain open since it is an asset that is vital to  
12 the people of the community it serves, therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives of  
14 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appoint a bipartisan committee  
15 of five members, three from the majority and two from the  
16 minority, to conduct a thorough investigation of the threatened  
17 closing of the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia; and be it

1 further

2       RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take  
3 testimony, and make its investigation at such places as it deems  
4 necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under  
5 the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to  
6 appear before it and to answer questions touching matters  
7 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce  
8 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems  
9 necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and  
10 shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the  
11 courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who wilfully neglects or  
12 refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any books,  
13 papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the penalties  
14 provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such case. Each  
15 member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths and  
16 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be  
17 it further

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

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