

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DAVIES, BURNS, SCHEAFFER AND TURNER, APRIL 6, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 3, 1976

In the House of Representatives, April 6, 1976

1 Allegations have been made that at least three members of the
2 House of Representatives received money from a chiropractic
3 organization almost immediately after voting for a chiropractic
4 supported bill. The checks were delivered to the members at the
5 rear of the House chamber by a lobbyist for the chiropractors.

6 The Research Director of the Governor's Office who made the
7 disclosure added that the checks were contributions to the
8 campaign committees of the House members; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
10 appoint a committee of six members, three from the majority
11 party, one of whom shall be chairman, and three from the
12 minority party to investigate the allegations that members of
13 the House of Representatives received money from a lobbyist
14 after the members supported a bill favored by the lobbyist and
15 to investigate the extent of the practice; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
17 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it

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

14 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
15 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
16 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
17 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
18 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the
19 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred
20 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by
21 the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been
22 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
25 and recommendations to the General Assembly as soon as possible.