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INTRODUCED BY REED, MELUSKEY, RITTER, BROWN, ZWIKL, GOEBEL,
SPITZ, BRANDT AND LIVENGOD, OCTOBER 12, 1977

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In the House of Representatives, October 12, 1977

1 The members of the Senate of Pennsylvania have enjoyed the
2 special privilege of awarding scholarships to Pennsylvania
3 State, Temple, Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Universities in the
4 amount of about \$50,000 per Senator. They award an unlimited
5 number of scholarships to Lincoln University. The minimum cost
6 of the privilege has been at least \$3,000,000. The institutions
7 are supported with tax dollars.

8 No formal criteria is used in the Senate to consider persons
9 on the basis of financial need, academic background or related
10 factors to determine who should receive a scholarship similar to
11 that of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

12 The indications are that political considerations have been
13 the determining factor in the awarding of such scholarships.
14 Some academically proficient but financially needy students have
15 not been afforded the opportunity of being considered for a
16 Senatorial scholarship and others, with less financial need,
17 have been recipients of such aid.

1 The cost of operation of the government of this Commonwealth
2 has reached an all-time high. Continuation of privileged
3 programs such as the Senatorial scholarships is inequitable and
4 questionable; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the Senatorial
6 scholarship system be terminated at the end of the current
7 academic year and not reinstituted; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That Pennsylvania State, Temple, Pennsylvania,
9 Pittsburgh and Lincoln Universities be directed to cease the
10 allocation of moneys for the operation of the Senatorial
11 scholarship program at the end of the current academic year and
12 that the termination of the scholarships be noted by them in the
13 budget statements submitted by them to the General Assembly.