

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 8, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 8, 1989

A RESOLUTION

1 To create a commission of public and private cost-minded leaders
2 of this Commonwealth to study the management of current
3 government operations and make recommendations of cost-
4 cutting measures.

5 WHEREAS, The economic health of this Commonwealth is a top
6 priority; and

7 WHEREAS, The tax burden of this Commonwealth's citizens and
8 businesses resulting from the cost of government operations and
9 administration can have a significant impact on the economic
10 health of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, State government has an obligation to fiscal
12 responsibility and limiting the tax burden it imposes; and

13 WHEREAS, Eleven cents of every public dollar spent is
14 committed to general government operations; and

15 WHEREAS, Further study is needed to find the optimal level of

1 government operation at the least cost; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3 appoint a government management and costs study commission of
4 leaders from business, labor, universities and government to
5 study the management of current government operations and make
6 recommendations in areas where costs can be cut; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That operation of the commission be patterned after
9 the commission known as the "Grace Commission," established by
10 presidential executive order and; be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the commission be comprised of 15 members as
12 follows:

13 (1) five members shall be from the House of
14 Representatives, three members from the majority party and
15 two members from the minority party;

16 (2) one member shall be a recognized leader of labor;

17 (3) one member shall be a president of a university in
18 this Commonwealth; and

19 (4) the remaining members shall be leaders from large
20 and small business;

21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
23 and recommendations to the House of Representatives by April 15,
24 1990; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the necessary and reasonable costs and
26 expenditures of the commission be paid by the Chief Clerk, upon
27 an accounting properly made.