

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VEON, STABACK, RYBAK, MELIO, VAN HORNE, HALUSKA,
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GIGLIOTTI, JUNE 27, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 27, 1990

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating a special select committee to investigate the adequacy
2 of staffing levels in nursing homes.

3 WHEREAS, A systemic crisis is developing in Pennsylvania's
4 nursing home industry; and

5 WHEREAS, Strikes and labor disputes are becoming the norm
6 rather than the exception among Pennsylvania's nursing homes;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The difficult nature of direct care work, combined
9 with low wages and benefits, has produced excessively high
10 turnover rates; and

11 WHEREAS, Current employee turnover rates threaten the quality
12 of care of nursing home residents; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives authorize a
14 special select committee of the Labor Relations Committee for
15 the purpose of investigating the adequacy of staffing levels in
16 nursing homes, with particular emphasis on the health and safety
17 implications for patients and workers alike; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the special select committee shall consist of
2 nine members appointed by the Chairman of the Labor Relations
3 Committee, five of whom shall be of the majority party and four
4 of whom shall be of the minority party; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Labor Relations Committee
6 shall designate one of the members as chairman of the special
7 select committee; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the special select committee may hold
9 hearings, take testimony and make its investigations at such
10 places as it deems necessary in this Commonwealth; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the special select committee shall report to
13 the Labor Relations Committee on its activities, findings and
14 recommendations no later than October 31, 1990.