
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LESCOVITZ, ROONEY, GEORGE, COY, BELFANTI, CLARK,
HASAY, BAKER, SAYLOR, B. SMITH, BEBKO-JONES, BATTISTO,
VAN HORNE, LaGROTTA, MELIO, ROBINSON, JOSEPHS, KASUNIC,
STEELMAN, DeLUCA AND SANTONI, OCTOBER 13, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 13, 1993

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President and Congress to take action to help
2 ease the burden that increased lumber prices have placed on
3 homebuilders and homebuyers.

4 WHEREAS, Unbalanced, inconsistent governmental policies have
5 led to inflated lumber prices, hindering the economic recovery
6 and threatening housing affordability; and

7 WHEREAS, Timber prices have greatly fluctuated over the last
8 few months and at times have more than doubled which has led to
9 increased costs of approximately \$5,000 for a 2000 square-foot
10 house; and

11 WHEREAS, The increase in the cost of a house will prevent
12 130,000 borderline homebuyers from qualifying from a mortgage
13 loan; and

14 WHEREAS, If action is not taken soon, projected housing
15 starts will not be attained, jobs will not be created and the
16 economic recovery will stall; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly

1 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Congress to introduce
2 and enact legislation designed to help ease the burden that
3 increased lumber prices have placed on homebuilders and
4 homebuyers; urge the members of Congress to support legislative
5 and regulatory action that increases the supply for housing
6 construction; and urge the President to direct the United States
7 Forest Service to undertake salvage sales of dead, dying and
8 down timber; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
10 the President, the presiding officers of each house of Congress
11 and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.