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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 22, 2001

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish a  
2 working group to develop an energy strategy for Pennsylvania  
3 that promotes the efficient use of energy by residential,  
4 commercial, industrial, government, transportation and power  
5 generation users within this Commonwealth and promotes the  
6 development and production of new sources of petroleum and  
7 alternatives to petroleum products within this Commonwealth.

8 WHEREAS, Previous administrations of the Federal Government  
9 resolved to free the United States from dependence upon foreign  
10 petroleum by promoting energy conservation and efficiency and  
11 developing new, domestic energy sources; and

12 WHEREAS, As headlines of oil crises fade into obscurity, so  
13 too have Federal Government actions to decrease United States  
14 reliance on imported petroleum products; and

15 WHEREAS, The national security implications of United States  
16 dependence on foreign oil influences foreign policy decisions  
17 affecting Israel, other Mideastern countries, Russia and many  
18 other of the world's hot spots; and

1       WHEREAS, Our day-to-day, pervasive dependence on foreign  
2 petroleum is ignored at great peril to our national economic  
3 security; and

4       WHEREAS, Tightening in petroleum markets and spikes in  
5 gasoline and heating oil prices offer new opportunities to focus  
6 on United States dependence on petroleum imports and the need to  
7 develop alternative domestic energy sources and technologies;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, The interests of state governments are the same as  
10 the Federal Government in regard to lessening United States  
11 dependence on foreign petroleum; and

12       WHEREAS, State governments should provide the leadership for  
13 developing energy policies emphasizing the increased efficiency  
14 of energy use, the increased development and production of new  
15 domestic energy sources and the increased awareness of energy  
16 use on the environment and the economy, and these state  
17 government policies should provide direction for the private  
18 sector; and

19       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth should be at the forefront of the  
20 movement to formulate state energy policies with these important  
21 objectives in mind; therefore be it

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
23 State Government Commission to establish a working group to  
24 develop an energy strategy for Pennsylvania that promotes the  
25 efficient use of energy by residential, commercial, industrial,  
26 government, transportation and power generation users within  
27 this Commonwealth and promotes the development and production of  
28 new sources of petroleum and alternatives to petroleum products  
29 within this Commonwealth; and be it further

30       RESOLVED, That the working group evaluate the energy

1 strategy's effects upon the environment and economy of this  
2 Commonwealth; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the working group be comprised of legislators,  
4 academics, scientists, representatives of State and local  
5 government, experts in the production and use of traditional and  
6 alternative energy, experts in environmental and economic issues  
7 related to energy and other such experts as may be necessary;  
8 and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report  
10 its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives  
11 as soon as possible.