

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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L. I. COHEN AND ROONEY, MAY 24, 1993

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 9, 1993

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging members of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation to
2 meet periodically with the General Assembly REGARDING <—
3 UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES.

4 WHEREAS, The Federal legislative interests of the
5 Commonwealth are constantly evolving; and

6 WHEREAS, The communication of those legislative interests to
7 Federal legislators will best be achieved through interactive
8 meetings between the General Assembly and each member of
9 Congress from Pennsylvania; AND <—

10 WHEREAS, THE NUMBER OF UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES IMPOSED UPON
11 THE STATES BY CONGRESS HAS ALARMINGLY INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS;
12 AND

13 WHEREAS, THIS CONTINUING IMPOSITION PLACES THE COMMONWEALTH
14 IN THE PRECARIOUS POSITION OF EITHER ATTEMPTING TO FUND THE
15 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS WITH DIMINISHING AMOUNTS OF AVAILABLE

1 REVENUE OR JEOPARDIZING ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS;
2 AND

3 WHEREAS, STATES AND CONGRESS SHOULD ENGAGE IN EARNEST
4 DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE DIFFICULT POSTURE IN WHICH THE STATES
5 HAVE BEEN CAST AND THE URGENT NECESSITY OF THE STATES TO RECEIVE
6 MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR THESE MANDATES OR RELIEF FROM THE
7 ENFORCEMENT OF THESE UNFUNDED DECREES; AND

8 WHEREAS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTS THAT ALL MEMBERS OF
9 CONGRESS FROM PENNSYLVANIA MEET WITH THE FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS
10 COMMITTEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
11 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OF
12 PENNSYLVANIA AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING
13 THIS CRITICAL PROBLEM SO THAT OUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE
14 COMPLETELY COGNIZANT OF THE EFFECT THE ACTIONS OF THE FEDERAL
15 GOVERNMENT HAVE AT THE STATE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL AND MAY BE MORE
16 SENSITIVE TO THE DIFFICULTIES THAT UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES
17 CREATE; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
19 urge each member of Congress from Pennsylvania to meet with
20 representatives of the Senate and the House of Representatives
21 at least two times per year CONVENED FOR THE PURPOSE OF <—
22 DISCUSSING THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES IN
23 ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN ONGOING AND OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN THESE
24 PARTIES; AND BE IT FURTHER

25 RESOLVED, THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE
26 PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE
27 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AND
28 THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SENATE
29 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE PRESIDENT PRO
30 TEMPORE OF THE SENATE DISCUSS THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE

1 BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION TO
2 CONGRESS, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH A
3 SESSION TO BE HELD IN HARRISBURG IN THE AUTUMN OF 1993 WITH THE
4 POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY
5 THE HOUSE FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN AND
6 MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
7 COMMITTEE; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania TO ADVISE EACH MEMBER <—
10 OF CONGRESS FROM PENNSYLVANIA OF THIS INVITATION AND OF ITS
11 HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE.