
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY O'KEEFE, HOPKINS, McINTYRE, STAPLETON, DiDONATO,
GILLESPIE, HASKELL, DOYLE, GARZIA, TAYOUN AND REED,
MARCH 18, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 19, 1975

In the House of Representatives, March 18, 1975

1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth enacted
2 legislation on August 14, 1963 permitting the establishment of
3 metropolitan transportation authorities to alleviate the
4 transportation problems and difficulties of metropolitan areas;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation
7 Authority was formed on or about February 18, 1964 in accordance
8 with the provisions of the "Metropolitan Transportation
9 Authorities Act of 1963"; and

10 WHEREAS, A multitude of serious concerns and troubling
11 questions have arisen concerning the purpose, funding,
12 management and operations of the Southeastern Pennsylvania
13 Transportation Authority; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
15 appoint a seven member bipartisan committee, four from the
16 majority and three from the minority, to study and investigate
17 the questions and concerns of the public relating to the

1 Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority with a view
2 to improving the same; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
4 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
5 deems necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas
6 under the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to
7 appear before it and to answer questions touching matters
8 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce
9 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems
10 necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and
11 shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the
12 courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who wilfully neglects or
13 refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any books,
14 papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the penalties
15 provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such case. Each
16 member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths and
17 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That within thirty calendar days after the
20 committee has made its report, the chairman of the committee
21 shall cause a record of all expenses incurred by the committee,
22 or the members thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth
23 expense, to be filed with the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives and the Speaker shall cause the same to be
25 entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred by the
26 committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by the
27 Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been included
28 as an expense item in the record heretofore required; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the committee report back as soon as its study

1 and investigation are completed together with its findings and
2 recommendations.