

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

## No. 140

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY NOYE AND SHELHAMER, JULY 21, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JULY 21, 1975

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In the House of Representatives, July 21, 1975

1       WHEREAS, Because of the increased popularity of home gardens  
2 and home canning, the demand for home canning equipment has  
3 increased; and

4       WHEREAS, Although jar lids are available on new jars there is  
5 a critical shortage of new jar lids for old jars; and

6       WHEREAS, In these times of economic difficulties, home  
7 canning is one way for the citizens of Pennsylvania to save  
8 money on their food budgets, and canning equipment should be  
9 available to all those who wish to can the produce they have  
10 grown. This will not be possible as long as the shortage of jar  
11 lids continues; and

12       WHEREAS, This shortage should be investigated in order to  
13 determine the reasons behind the small supply of jar lids and  
14 what steps can be taken to insure that an adequate supply of  
15 lids be made available; therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
17 appoint a six member committee, three from the majority party  
18 and three from the minority party to investigate the shortage of

1 jar lids for home canning and to find a solution to this  
2 problem; 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. It may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal  
6 of its chairman commanding any person to appear before it and to  
7 answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into  
8 by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and  
9 documents as the committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may  
10 be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of  
11 subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any  
12 person who wilfully neglects or refuses to testify before the  
13 committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents,  
14 shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the  
15 Commonwealth in such case. Each member of the committee shall  
16 have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses  
17 appearing before the committee; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee  
19 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a  
20 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members  
21 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed  
22 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the  
23 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred  
24 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by  
25 the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been  
26 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;  
27 and be it further

28       RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and proposed  
29 legislation, if such be necessary, to the General Assembly as  
30 soon as possible.