

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

## No. 273

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INTRODUCED BY LaMARCA, JUNE 8, 1976

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In the House of Representatives, June 8, 1976

1 WHEREAS, The mail of the agents of the Bureau of Drug  
2 Enforcement has been opened and monitored; and

3 WHEREAS, Said agents are not permitted to investigate drug  
4 activities in Allegheny County and Philadelphia where the drug  
5 traffic is reputed to be very heavy; and

6 WHEREAS, Agents are working overtime without compensation;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Management appointments are not being made from the  
9 ranks of the agents but from outside the bureau; and

10 WHEREAS, The morale of the agents has deteriorated to such a  
11 low ebb that many believe they serve no real purpose; now  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
14 appoint a select committee of seven members; four from the  
15 majority and three from the minority to investigate the  
16 activities of the Bureau of Drug Enforcement to determine  
17 whether or not legislative action is necessary; and be it

1 further

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

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

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