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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY DeMEDIO, RENWICK, LAUDADIO, ENGLEHART,  
A. K. HUTCHINSON, PRENDERGAST, PETRARCA, TRELLO, ABRAHAM,  
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SPITZ, FISCHER, NOVAK, ZITTERMAN, TENAGLIO AND COLE,  
MARCH 21, 1977

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 22, 1977

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In the House of Representatives, March 21, 1977

1       WHEREAS, Recent investigations and reports by the Auditor  
2 General and the Department of Justice have revealed numerous  
3 irregularities in the administration and operation of the  
4 Scotland School for Veterans' Children; and

5       WHEREAS, These irregularities involve the expenditure of  
6 Commonwealth moneys and the location of Commonwealth equipment,  
7 available or purchased from appropriations made by the  
8 Commonwealth; and

9       WHEREAS, Major financial support, obtained from all the  
10 Statewide veterans' organizations, may be involved in these  
11 irregularities; now therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
13 Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs to undertake an  
14 immediate investigation of the administration and operation of  
15 the Scotland School for Veterans' Children to determine the

1 nature and the extent of the alleged irregularities and to  
2 propose corrective action; 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 willfully 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.