

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 171

Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY ZORD, TADDONIO, POTT, GOEBEL, CESSAR, KERNICK,
SCHMITT, MRKONIC, CALTAGIRONE, BURD, L. E. SMITH, DeVERTER,
ZELLER, GREENLEAF, BITTINGER, POLITE, ARTHURS, LEHR, MOWERY,
REED, GEESEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, HELFRICK, NOYE AND SALVATORE,
NOVEMBER 21, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, NOVEMBER 22, 1977

In the House of Representatives, November 21, 1977

1 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 appoint a five-member bipartisan committee, three from the
3 majority party and two from the minority party for the purpose
4 of investigating the mismanagement and fraud involving the
5 personnel and operation of the Department of Public Welfare; and
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
8 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
9 deems necessary. It may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal
10 of its chairman commanding any person to appear before it and to
11 answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into
12 by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and
13 documents as the committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may
14 be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of
15 subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any
16 person who willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the

1 committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents,
2 shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the
3 Commonwealth in such case. Each member of the committee shall
4 have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses
5 appearing before the committee; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
7 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
8 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
9 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
10 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the
11 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred
12 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by
13 the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been
14 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the committee report its finding and proposed
17 legislation, if such be necessary, to the General Assembly as
18 soon as possible.