

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, APRIL 29, 1980

In the House of Representatives, March 18, 1980

1 WHEREAS, The House Select Committee - TMI has found that the
2 general public broadcast media system was the only means of
3 communication disseminating news concerning the incident at
4 Three Mile Island; and

5 WHEREAS, The committee feels that all practical usable
6 communications systems should be used in an incident of this
7 type; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Weather Service has a nationwide radio
9 broadcast capability for the dissemination of weather reports on
10 a continuous basis that could include emergency alert
11 information on a continuous basis; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
13 investigate the use of the National Weather Service reporting
14 system for the dissemination of emergency alert information; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the

1 President of the United States through the Department of
2 Commerce, to provide for the broadcast of emergency information
3 by use of the National Weather Service radio communication
4 system; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That information concerning the use of such system,
6 when initiated, be generally communicated to all citizens of the
7 United States; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REQUESTS THE <—
9 DIRECTOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE
10 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 COMMERCE, TO INDICATE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
12 THREE MILE ISLAND, IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT
13 OF A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE STATUS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
14 SET FORTH HEREIN; AND BE IT FURTHER

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
16 President of the United States, the presiding officers of each
17 House of the United States Congress, to each member of the
18 Senate and House of Representatives in Congress from the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Director of the
20 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.