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MCVERY, TRELLO, O'DONNELL AND PIEVSKY, JUNE 28, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 29, 1984

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the House Committee on Transportation to determine and
2 review the Department of Transportation's policy toward the
3 aviation industry and the aviation community of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Aviation of the Department of
5 Transportation is charged with maintaining and promoting
6 aviation within the Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Aviation had been without a bureau
8 chief for approximately two years; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has recognized the importance
10 of aviation to the Commonwealth by providing for the appointment
11 of a Deputy Secretary of Aviation of the Department of
12 Transportation; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation, despite two years
14 in which to prepare for such an appointment, has failed to
15 appoint a deputy secretary and thus deprived the aviation
16 community, a six and one-half billion dollar part of the

1 Commonwealth economy, of the necessary leadership with which to
2 promote aviation in Pennsylvania; and

3 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
4 performance audit conducted by Price Waterhouse on the
5 Department of Transportation's organizational and functional
6 framework indicated the underutilization and misuse of State-
7 owned aircraft; and

8 WHEREAS, The same audit has found the Bureau of Aviation to
9 be negligent in its operation of State-owned airports, in
10 particular, but not limited to, its failure to collect rents
11 pursuant to contracts entered into at Harrisburg International
12 Airport; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House Committee on Transportation be
14 directed to determine and review the Department of
15 Transportation's policy regarding the aviation community and the
16 aviation industry in Pennsylvania in relation to, but not
17 limited by, its failure to appoint appropriate leadership for
18 the Bureau of Aviation; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
20 testimony, and make its review at such places as it deems
21 necessary within this Commonwealth, and each member of the
22 committee shall have the power to administer oaths and
23 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings to
26 the House of Representatives as soon as possible.