
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, WOZNIAK, LIVENGOD, STEIGHNER, COY, LUCYK,
SAURMAN, REBER, HERSHEY, BOYES, BLAUM, FREEMAN, STEWART,
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FEBRUARY 13, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 13, 1985

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the House Conservation Committee to conduct an in-
2 depth study of low-level radioactive waste.

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the
4 provisions of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (Public
5 Law 96-573, 42 U.S.C. § 2021b et seq.), is required by January
6 1, 1986, to submit to the United States Congress a plan for the
7 establishment and operation of facilities for the management of
8 low-level radioactive waste; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is currently negotiating with
10 adjoining states to form an interstate compact to be known as
11 the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal
12 Compact; and

13 WHEREAS, The eventual selection of a site or sites within
14 this Commonwealth as well as methods of disposal and the
15 environmental and socioeconomic impact of low-level radioactive
16 waste are of paramount importance to all Pennsylvanians because
17 of the potential risk to health; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Conservation Committee of the House of
2 Representatives is hereby directed to conduct an in-depth study
3 of low-level radioactive waste, including, but not limited to,
4 an identification of existing and projected technology for the
5 safe long-term disposal methods currently in use at existing
6 disposal facilities as well as those being considered by other
7 states; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the committee compile information on
9 technology for reducing volume both at the point of generation
10 and prior to disposal; on the possibility of segregation and
11 decay or detoxification prior to storage; on geological factors
12 and other specific environmental criteria that will determine
13 site selection; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the committee seek public input on the
15 advantages and disadvantages of public vs. private ownership of
16 disposal sites; that it compile an inventory of generators and
17 the volume of low-level wastes generated in this Commonwealth
18 and in the proposed compact states; and be it further

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

24 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
25 and public hearings to the House of Representatives within 180
26 days.