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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the House Transportation Committee to conduct a study  
2 of the Department of Transportation's plan to furlough  
3 approximately 370 highway maintenance workers Statewide.

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has recently  
5 announced that it will furlough approximately 370 highway  
6 maintenance workers, which is nearly 75% of the workers in this  
7 job classification Statewide, effective November 1, 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, Some highway maintenance districts will receive no  
9 furloughs, while other districts will lay off their entire  
10 highway maintenance work force; and

11 WHEREAS, The department has announced its plan to replace the  
12 furloughed maintenance workers with higher salaried equipment  
13 operators; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the past two years, the department has already  
15 cut the highway maintenance work force from 2,300 workers to 500  
16 workers; and

17 WHEREAS, Highway maintenance workers are responsible for

1 filling potholes, repairing road shoulders, chipping winter ice  
2 and general road maintenance; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the House  
4 Transportation Committee to conduct a study of the methodology  
5 and consequences of the Department of Transportation's furlough  
6 plans; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Transportation Committee report its  
8 findings to the General Assembly; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request the  
10 Secretary of Transportation to postpone the department's  
11 furlough plans until at least July 1, 1986; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
13 the Secretary of Transportation and the Deputy Secretary of  
14 Administration of the Department of Transportation.