

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 2, 1987

A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for an investigation of SEPTA.

2 WHEREAS, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
3 has recently experienced serious financial and operational
4 problems; and

5 WHEREAS, Section 321 of the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42,
6 No.8), requires the board to appoint a controller who shall not
7 be a member of the board and who shall conduct a monthly
8 examination of the books, accounts, documents and papers of the
9 authority and report the results of the investigation to the
10 board. This condition has not been fulfilled; and

11 WHEREAS, There have recently been several serious accidents
12 on the rail lines of SEPTA; and

13 WHEREAS, It has been reported by numerous reliable sources
14 that the condition of SEPTA's rail bridges are in disrepair; and

1 WHEREAS, The board structure must be reviewed to assure
2 proportionate representation of SEPTA ridership and local
3 governmental financial commitment; and

4 WHEREAS, SEPTA's funding sources must be reviewed to include
5 the areas of operating and capital budgeting and consideration
6 of designated sources of revenues in Pennsylvania for mass
7 transit; and

8 WHEREAS, Public confidence in an investigation of any ongoing
9 problems incurred by SEPTA would best be served by an
10 independent investigation; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
12 standing Transportation Committee to conduct an overall and
13 inclusive investigation of the operations, board structure,
14 administration management and financial operations of SEPTA. The
15 investigation shall concentrate on, but not be limited to, the
16 above-mentioned areas; and be it further

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

22 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings to
23 the House of Representatives as soon as practicable.