

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 3, 1991

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging that the Governor's Executive Order No. 1989-8 regarding
2 the Municipal Waste Reduction and Planning Program be
3 extended for one more year.

4 WHEREAS, On October 17, 1989, Governor Robert P. Casey, in
5 response to the Commonwealth's crisis regarding out-of-State
6 waste, issued Executive Order No. 1989-8 which stated that
7 municipal landfills within this Commonwealth could not accept
8 more than 30% of their waste from out of State; and

9 WHEREAS, The Governor declared in this Executive order that
10 "uncontrolled increases in daily waste volumes can also cause
11 increased noise, odors, truck traffic and other significant
12 adverse effects on the environment as well as on public health
13 and safety..."; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Solid Waste Management Association has
15 named Pennsylvania the largest trash importer in 50 states; and

16 WHEREAS, Currently one-third (3.4 billion tons) of all trash

1 deposited in Commonwealth landfills is out-of-State trash; and

2 WHEREAS, At the current rate of disposal, the Environmental
3 Protection Agency estimates that by the year 2000 Americans will
4 produce a total of 216 million tons of trash a year; and

5 WHEREAS, One-third of all existing landfills in the nation
6 are expected to close in two years while 80% of all existing
7 landfills nationwide will close within 20 years; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That government and industries throughout this
9 Commonwealth attempt to find new methods to dispense
10 nonrecyclable trash in an environmentally acceptable and health-
11 conscious manner; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That Pennsylvania not be a dumping ground for other
13 states which have lacked the foresight and resolve to handle
14 their own municipal waste capacity; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That anyone caught illegally dumping in
16 Commonwealth landfills, or landfill operators which allow
17 unlawful dumping, be prosecuted to the full extent of the law;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives find that
20 Executive Order No. 1989-8 has proven to be an effective tool in
21 curbing the amount of out-of-State waste deposited in this
22 Commonwealth and has safeguarded this Commonwealth's environment
23 and health of it's citizens and request that Executive Order No.
24 1989-8 be extended for an additional year in a continued attempt
25 to solve this Commonwealth's trash crisis.