
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 375 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PESCI, PETRARCA, VAN HORNE, DERMODY, KUKOVICH,
MIHALICH, TRICH, WOZNIAK, STEELMAN, COLAIZZO AND TANGRETTI,
SEPTEMBER 27, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 27, 1994

A RESOLUTION

1 Requiring the Pennsylvania Department of Health to expand a
2 previous study on cancer rates in the Alle-Kiski Valley.

3 WHEREAS, Incidences of cancer in Armstrong County and
4 Westmoreland County are well above the State cancer rate; and

5 WHEREAS, A number of manufacturers operated a plant in
6 Apollo, Armstrong County, which processed uranium for about 30
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, A company still operates a plant in Parks Township,
9 Armstrong County, which cleans radiation-contaminated equipment
10 and maintains a 40-acre uranium waste site; and

11 WHEREAS, Citizens of Apollo and the surrounding communities
12 have complained of high incidences of cancer in their families;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Department of Health conducted an inconclusive
15 study of cancer rates for the years 1984 to 1985 for the Alle-
16 Kiski Valley; and

17 WHEREAS, Upon the request of local citizens, government

1 officials and citizen groups like Physicians for Social
2 Responsibility, the Department of Health has not made a decision
3 on expanding the scope of the study to a ten-year period;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Department of Health shall, within 90
6 days, expand the study on cancer rates in the Alle-Kiski Valley
7 to a ten-year period beginning with the year 1984; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That upon completion of the study, the Department
10 of Health shall send a copy to every member of the House of
11 Representatives, to the Physicians for Social Responsibility and
12 to the appropriate local government officials in the study area.