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CONTI, GEIST, HERSHEY, STERN, REINARD, STISH AND
STRITTMATTER, JANUARY 20, 1995

SENATOR LEMMOND, STATE GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
FEBRUARY 7, 1995

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 To create a commission of public and private cost-minded leaders
2 of this Commonwealth to study the management of current
3 government operations and make recommendations of cost-
4 cutting measures.

5 WHEREAS, The economic health of this Commonwealth is a top
6 priority; and

7 WHEREAS, The tax burden of this Commonwealth's citizens and
8 businesses resulting from the cost of government operations and
9 administration can have a significant impact on the economic
10 health of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, State government has an obligation of fiscal
12 responsibility and of limiting the tax burden it imposes; and

13 WHEREAS, Ten cents of every public dollar spent is committed
14 to general government operations; and

1 WHEREAS, There should be an organized bi-partisan effort to
2 determine ways in which government can be made more effective
3 and more efficient; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That a government
5 management and costs study commission of leaders from the public
6 and private sectors shall be formed to study Commonwealth
7 government operations and the experience of other states in an
8 effort to propose changes which will reduce costs, increase
9 accountability and improve service; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That this commission's recommendations shall
11 include those which:

12 (1) cut costs;

13 (2) increase efficiency;

14 (3) increase effectiveness;

15 (4) consolidate like functions;

16 (5) return functions and job creation opportunities to
17 the private sector; AND <—

18 (6) eliminate functions;

19 ~~(7) establish a system for ongoing program evaluation;~~ <—

20 and

21 ~~(8) establish a Statewide system of performance~~
22 ~~measurement;~~

23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the commission shall be comprised of 17
25 members as follows:

26 (1) Four members to be appointed by the Governor, with
27 at least three appointments being members of the general
28 public.

29 (2) ~~Two~~ THREE members to be appointed by the Majority <—

30 Leader of the Senate and ~~two~~ THREE members to be appointed by <—

1 the Minority Leader of the Senate with no more than one
2 appointment from each authority being a governmental official
3 or employee.

4 (3) ~~Two~~ THREE members to be appointed by the Majority <—
5 Leader of the House of Representatives and ~~two~~ THREE members <—
6 to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
7 Representatives with no more than one appointment from each
8 authority being a governmental official or employee.

9 ~~(4) The chairman and minority chairman of the Committee <—~~
10 ~~on Appropriations of the Senate.~~

11 ~~(5) The chairman and minority chairman of the Committee~~
12 ~~on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.~~

13 ~~(6) The Secretary of the Budget or a designee of the~~
14 ~~Secretary of the Budget;~~

15 (4) ONE MEMBER WHO SHALL NOT BE A GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIAL <—
16 OR EMPLOYEE TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN TO BE CHOSEN BY THE
17 GOVERNOR;

18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That these appointments are to be made within 30
20 days of the approval of this resolution by the Senate and the
21 House of Representatives; and be it further

22 ~~RESOLVED, That the commission elect from among the members by <—~~
23 ~~a majority vote of the members a chairperson; and be it further~~

24 RESOLVED, That the commission make a report of its findings
25 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by
26 November 30 of this year at which time the commission shall
27 cease to exist; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the chairman shall rely on the existing staff
29 of the ~~Governor's Office of the Budget and the Committee on~~ <—

30 ~~Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations~~

1 ~~of the House of Representatives~~ APPOINTING AUTHORITIES AND THE <—
2 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE APPROPRIATIONS
3 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT
4 POSSIBLE; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That necessary and reasonable costs and
6 expenditures of the commission are authorized to be paid from
7 funds already appropriated by the General Assembly to the Office
8 of the Budget and the Office of Administration; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the commission shall comply with all the
11 duties and responsibilities of a covered agency under the act of
12 July 3, 1986 (P.L.388, No.84), known as the Sunshine Act.