
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CAPPABIANCA, BENNINGHOFF, DALEY, GEIST, KREBS,
McILHATTAN, NAILOR, NICKOL, PETRARCA, RUBLEY, STABACK, TIGUE,
WOGAN AND WOJNAROSKI, JANUARY 23, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 23, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a select committee to study the appropriate
2 procedure for expulsion of members.

3 WHEREAS, There is a lack of a definitive procedure for the
4 House of Representatives to follow in expulsion of members; and

5 WHEREAS, This issue is of critical concern to the
6 constitutional structure and institutional integrity of the
7 House; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That a Select Committee on Expulsion Procedures be
9 established, consisting of ten members, five members appointed
10 by the Majority Leader and five members appointed by the
11 Minority Leader, with a chairperson appointed by the Speaker of
12 the House of Representatives; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the committee study the constitutional,
14 statutory and ethical issues involved in the sanction of
15 expulsion of a member of the House of Representatives; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the committee be authorized to hold hearings,

1 take testimony and make its investigations at such places as it
2 deems necessary in this Commonwealth; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee be authorized to issue subpoenas
4 under the hand and seal of its chairperson commanding any person
5 to appear before the committee and to answer questions touching
6 matters properly being inquired into by the committee and to
7 produce documents as the committee deems necessary; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the subpoenas be able to be served upon any
10 person and have the same effect as subpoenas issued out of the
11 courts of this Commonwealth and that any person that
12 intentionally neglects or refuses to testify before the
13 committee or to produce documents be subject to the penalties
14 provided by the laws of this Commonwealth in such case; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That each member of the committee have power to
17 administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before
18 the committee; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee, by June 30, 2001, make a report
20 to the House of Representatives, with recommendations for full
21 procedure on expulsion set forth in the rules of the House.