
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 360 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY GANNON, CIVERA, STAIRS, KELLER, MCGEEHAN, LEDERER,
YOUNGBLOOD AND RAYMOND, JULY 15, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 15, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation
2 Authority to honor the intent and requirements of the Railway
3 Labor Act relating to the freedom of newly hired employees to
4 join the union of their choice.

5 WHEREAS, The Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
6 (SEPTA) receives hundreds of millions of dollars in State grants
7 annually; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has a direct interest in the
9 efficient operation of this major transportation authority and
10 its work force management; and

11 WHEREAS, The current equity agreement among representative
12 mechanics and cleaners unions allows SEPTA to assign newly hired
13 employees to one of four unions without any input from the
14 individual; and

15 WHEREAS, Section 152 of the Railway Labor Act states that a
16 carrier shall not deny or in any way question the right of
17 employees to join, organize or assist in organizing the labor
18 organization of their choice and shall not influence or coerce

1 employees in an effort to induce them to join or remain or not
2 join or remain members of any labor organization; therefore be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
5 Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority to abide by the
6 intent and requirements of the Railway Labor Act and permit
7 newly hired employees to join the union of their choice which
8 represents a particular craft or classification.