
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, OLIVER, TOLL, ROSS, VANN, BARBER, RHODES,
SCHMITT, A. P. KELLY, MYERS, RIEGER, DiDONATO, McINTYRE,
PERRY, LEDERER, O'DONNELL, HAMILTON, PERRI, JOHNSON AND
REED, JULY 24, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 22, 1975

In the House of Representatives, July 24, 1975

1 WHEREAS, Many members of the armed forces have expressed
2 dismay at the racial tensions within the armed forces; and

3 WHEREAS, Reports of racial tensions make military service
4 less desirable to many people, and ultimately weakens the
5 security of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Army Secretary Howard M. Callaway, in his farewell
7 address, said "despite enormous progress, there is still a lot
8 of racial tension within the army"; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania directs the Military and Veterans
11 Affairs Committee to investigate the problem of racial tensions
12 as it affects Pennsylvanians in the armed forces and members of
13 the armed forces serving in Pennsylvania, and to recommend
14 corrective action, via legislation or otherwise; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take

1 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
2 deems necessary. It may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal
3 of its chairman commanding any person to appear before it and to
4 answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into
5 by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and
6 documents as the committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may
7 be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of
8 subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any
9 person who wilfully neglects or refuses to testify before the
10 committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents,
11 shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the
12 Commonwealth in such case. Each member of the committee shall
13 have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses
14 appearing before the committee; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
16 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
17 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
18 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
19 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the
20 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred
21 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by
22 the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been
23 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and proposed
26 legislation, if such be necessary, to the General Assembly as
27 soon as possible.