
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SALOOM, FEBRUARY 3, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 4, 1976

In the House of Representatives, February 3, 1976

1 WHEREAS, Recently reports of events involving the travel
2 agency business have caused much public concern; and

3 WHEREAS, Many persons have been victimized by unscrupulous
4 business activities connected with the travel agency business;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Most travel agencies are operated by honest and
7 ethical people therefore the good are being branded together
8 with the bad; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
10 order the Committee on Consumer Protection to conduct a study
11 and investigate the questions and concerns of the public
12 relating to the travel agency business; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
14 testimony, and make its investigation at such places as it deems
15 necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under
16 the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the House
24 of Representatives as soon as possible.