
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LINCOLN, GALLAGHER, BERLIN, WRIGHT, CESSAR,
DAVIS, BURNS, TAYLOR AND GILLESPIE, FEBRUARY 3, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 4, 1976

In the House of Representatives, February 3, 1976

1 WHEREAS, The manufacturing, refining and processing of steel
2 and steel related products constitute a major portion of the
3 basic industrial capacity of this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of citizens of this Commonwealth are
5 employed in and dependent upon the steel industry and other
6 supporting industries; and

7 WHEREAS, The various companies and unions representative of
8 the steel industry entered into a consent decree with the
9 government of the United States on April 12, 1974 in an effort
10 to correct allegedly discriminating practices of employment,
11 wages, promotions and seniority in numerous plants in this
12 Commonwealth and elsewhere; and

13 WHEREAS, The implementation of this Consent Decree I is
14 adversely affecting a large number of citizens of this
15 Commonwealth; now therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
17 direct the Chairman of the House Labor Relations Committee to

1 immediately institute an investigation of the circumstances
2 leading to; the implementation of and the application of Consent
3 Decree I with the purpose of proposing corrective legislation
4 for enactment in this Commonwealth; and be it further

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

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