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In the House of Representatives, May 24, 1977

1 WHEREAS, The recent natural emergency has pointed out that
2 the Governor has a limited range of tools available to invoke
3 declarations of emergencies; and

4 WHEREAS, The necessity for prompt and appropriate action is
5 imperative to provide for the welfare of the citizens of
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a real and genuine need to devise suitable
8 plans for varying degrees and types of emergencies; and

9 WHEREAS, Current statute limits the types of declarations to
10 two, limiting the flexibility of State departments and agencies
11 to adequately respond in emergency situations; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly petition the Governor to
13 make a thorough study of the types and range options available
14 along with appropriate and necessary actions for declaration of
15 emergencies rather than the present system of "limited" and
16 "extreme" declarations; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Governor shall submit a report of his

- 1 findings and possible options for declaring emergencies to the
- 2 General Assembly along with recommendations for legislation
- 3 within 270 days.