
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 73

Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY WAMBACH, STEWART, FREEMAN, WOZNIAK, GEIST, BURNS
AND CESSAR, APRIL 18, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,
APRIL 19, 1983

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress to
2 actively support and vote favorably on House Resolution 1646,
3 the Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983.

4 WHEREAS, Many residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 are currently engaged in railroad employment or have engaged in
6 such employment in the past and look to the railroad retirement
7 system to provide benefits when they retire; and

8 WHEREAS, Many residents of the Commonwealth are currently
9 receiving benefits under the railroad retirement system and rely
10 on such benefits to a large extent to meet the normal costs of
11 living; and

12 WHEREAS, Any reduction in the amount of benefits received by
13 beneficiaries under the railroad retirement system would have a
14 drastic effect on the ability of these beneficiaries to meet
15 normal living expenses; and

16 WHEREAS, Projections of the financial condition of the
17 railroad retirement system show that unless corrective action is

1 taken, monthly annuities will have to be reduced significantly
2 beginning with the annuity checks to be sent out October 1,
3 1983, with additional reductions required in the future; and

4 WHEREAS, House Resolution 1646, the Railroad Retirement
5 Solvency Act of 1983, was introduced in the United States House
6 of Representatives on February 24, 1983 by Mr. Florio; and

7 WHEREAS, House Resolution 1646 would resolve the short-term
8 and long-term financial problems of the railroad retirement
9 system, through an evenhanded approach of tax increases on
10 railroad employers and employees and adjustments of benefits to
11 current and future beneficiaries, thereby preserving and
12 protecting the rights and expectations of those currently
13 receiving benefits and those who would receive such benefits in
14 the future; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
16 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Senators and
17 Representatives in Congress from Pennsylvania to actively
18 support and vote favorably on House Resolution 1646, the
19 Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983.