
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint
2 a special bipartisan House Committee to study the reasons for
3 and solution to the many industrial plant closings in
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, An increasing number of industrial plants throughout
6 this Commonwealth are closing their doors, some temporary, some
7 permanently, and others moving to the Sunbelt and other areas of
8 the country; and

9 WHEREAS, Each such closing has many adverse effects upon this
10 Commonwealth, in that it results in a reduction in our tax base,
11 a reduction in opportunities for employment and a decline in our
12 population, productivity and prosperity; and

13 WHEREAS, In some areas of this Commonwealth industrial plant
14 closings have resulted in unemployment as high as 25% of the
15 work force and have left thousands of our citizens unproductive
16 and without hope or opportunity to obtain employment through no
17 fault of their own; and

1 WHEREAS, This problem is not limited to just our area but is
2 Statewide and therefore a unified Statewide approach is needed
3 with a consistent set of policies and programs to attack and
4 resolve the problem; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
6 appoint a select committee of eight members, four from the
7 majority party and four from the minority party, to address the
8 problem of the increasing number of industrial plant closings
9 throughout this Commonwealth, the objective being to reverse
10 this trend; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
12 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems
13 necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the committee
14 shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to
15 witnesses appearing before the committee. The Chief Clerk of the
16 House of Representatives shall be directed to make such staffing
17 available to the select committee as may be necessary to
18 effectively carry out its study; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the select committee report its findings and
20 recommendations to the House of Representatives within 90 days.