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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 13, 1985

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the House Conservation Committee to conduct an in-  
2 depth study of low-level radioactive waste.

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the  
4 provisions of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (Public  
5 Law 96-573, 42 U.S.C. § 2021b et seq.), is required by January  
6 1, 1986, to submit to the United States Congress a plan for the  
7 establishment and operation of facilities for the management of  
8 low-level radioactive waste; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is currently negotiating with  
10 adjoining states to form an interstate compact to be known as  
11 the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal  
12 Compact; and

13 WHEREAS, The eventual selection of a site or sites within  
14 this Commonwealth as well as methods of disposal and the  
15 environmental and socioeconomic impact of low-level radioactive  
16 waste are of paramount importance to all Pennsylvanians because  
17 of the potential risk to health; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the Conservation Committee of the House of  
2 Representatives is hereby directed to conduct an in-depth study  
3 of low-level radioactive waste, including, but not limited to,  
4 an identification of existing and projected technology for the  
5 safe long-term disposal methods currently in use at existing  
6 disposal facilities as well as those being considered by other  
7 states; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the committee compile information on  
9 technology for reducing volume both at the point of generation  
10 and prior to disposal; on the possibility of segregation and  
11 decay or detoxification prior to storage; on geological factors  
12 and other specific environmental criteria that will determine  
13 site selection; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the committee seek public input on the  
15 advantages and disadvantages of public vs. private ownership of  
16 disposal sites; that it compile an inventory of generators and  
17 the volume of low-level wastes generated in this Commonwealth  
18 and in the proposed compact states; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take  
20 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems  
21 necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the committee  
22 shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to  
23 witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

24       RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings  
25 and public hearings to the House of Representatives within 180  
26 days.