

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STAIRS, FAIRCHILD, TRELLO, OLASZ, GEIST, MELIO,
CARONE, PETRONE AND E. Z. TAYLOR, MAY 14, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 14, 1991

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor to appoint a special committee to study
2 problems relating to the different size connections on fire
3 hydrants across this Commonwealth and make recommendations.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 2,500 municipalities are served by
5 more than 2,300 fire companies; and

6 WHEREAS, These municipalities and fire companies rely heavily
7 on mutual aid and other cooperative agreements which require
8 fire companies to frequently travel beyond their home
9 municipalities; and

10 WHEREAS, There has never been any standardization among the
11 connections on fire hydrants, causing logistical problems and
12 requiring fire trucks to carry a multitude of adapters to be
13 able to use the fire hydrants in neighboring municipalities; and

14 WHEREAS, Uniformity in the connections on fire hydrants
15 across this Commonwealth would be desirable and beneficial to
16 its citizens; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
18 urge the Governor to appoint and convene a special committee to

1 study the problems created because of the many different size
2 connections on fire hydrants throughout this Commonwealth; and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That this special committee should be headed by the
5 State Fire Commissioner and include representatives of the fire
6 service, local government, building and construction interests
7 and other interested parties; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this special committee should conduct such
9 public meetings in different locations across this Commonwealth
10 as are necessary to examine this issue; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the special committee should document the
12 number of different size connections contained on fire hydrants
13 throughout this Commonwealth and investigate the nature of the
14 problems created by these differences and the cost involved to
15 replace or retrofit fire hydrants, among other factors; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That the special committee should issue a report
18 containing recommendations to address this problem, including
19 the projected costs of the various recommendations, and submit
20 its report to the General Assembly within 18 months of the
21 adoption of this resolution; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the Governor.