
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WOGAN, JUNE 25, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 25, 1991

A RESOLUTION

1 To create a commission of public and private cost-minded leaders
2 of this Commonwealth to study the management of current
3 government operations and make recommendations of cost-
4 cutting measures.

5 WHEREAS, The economic health of this Commonwealth is a top
6 priority; and

7 WHEREAS, The tax burden of this Commonwealth's citizens and
8 businesses resulting from the cost of government operations and
9 administration can have a significant impact on the economic
10 health of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, State government has an obligation of fiscal
12 responsibility and limiting the tax burden it imposes; and

13 WHEREAS, Eleven cents of every public dollar spent is
14 committed to general government operations; and

15 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth faces a multibillion dollar
16 deficit; and

1 WHEREAS, There should be an organized bipartisan effort to
2 determine ways in which government can be made more efficient;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That a government management and costs study
5 commission of leaders from the public and private sectors shall
6 be formed to study State government operations in an effort to
7 propose changes which will reduce costs; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this commission's recommendations shall
9 include ones which:

- 10 (1) cut costs;
- 11 (2) increase efficiency;
- 12 (3) consolidate like functions;
- 13 (4) return functions to the private sector; and
- 14 (5) eliminate functions;

15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the commission be comprised of 15 members as
17 follows:

18 (1) three members to be appointed by the Majority Leader
19 of the House of Representatives, two members to be appointed
20 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives with
21 least one appointment from each authority being a
22 nongovernmental representative;

23 (2) three members to be appointed by the Majority Leader
24 of the Senate, two members to be appointed by the Minority
25 Leader of the Senate with at least one appointment from each
26 authority being a nongovernmental representative;

27 (3) four members to be appointed by the Governor, with
28 at least two appointments being nongovernmental
29 representatives; and

30 (4) one member who shall serve as chairman to be chosen

1 by the majority vote of five appointing authorities;

2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
4 and recommendations to the Governor and the appointing
5 authorities within one year of the formation of the commission;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the commission shall be enabled to hire
8 professional staff but is directed to rely on the existing staff
9 of the appointing authorities to the greatest extent possible;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the necessary and reasonable costs and
12 expenditures of the commission up to \$100,000 be paid from funds
13 appropriated to the General Assembly upon an accounting properly
14 made.