
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 480 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY AND D. EVANS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a select committee for the purpose of recommending
2 draft language on a transportation funding bill.

3 WHEREAS, A well-designed transportation infrastructure is
4 crucial to the economic vitality and well-being of the citizens
5 of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has been unable to adopt a plan
7 to replace lost revenue dedicated to transportation since April
8 6, 2010, when the United States Department of Transportation
9 denied Pennsylvania's ability to toll Interstate 80 pursuant to
10 its application in accordance with Act 44 of 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, The need for additional funding for transportation
12 has been well established by various studies and continues to
13 grow; and

14 WHEREAS, The Governor has asked the General Assembly for a
15 comprehensive transportation funding bill; and

16 WHEREAS, The Senate is restricted by section 10 of Article
17 III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania from introducing any
18 bill to raise revenue, thus preventing the House of

1 Representatives from voting on Senate Bill No.1 (2013); and

2 WHEREAS, There are several and conflicting House bills that
3 deal with transportation funding; and

4 WHEREAS, The best comprehensive transportation funding bill
5 would be one that would be linked to an overall transportation
6 policy; and

7 WHEREAS, The task of drafting a comprehensive transportation
8 funding bill is inherently more complicated than generally
9 recognized, requiring expertise in transportation, finance,
10 appropriations and regional planning; and

11 WHEREAS, For all these reasons, it is imperative to expedite
12 the process; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish a
14 select committee to make a recommendation to the House of
15 Representatives on a comprehensive transportation funding plan,
16 including presenting draft language that can be introduced as a
17 bill; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of the following
19 members of the House of Representatives:

- 20 (1) the chairman of the Transportation Committee;
- 21 (2) the minority chairman of the Transportation Committee;
- 22 (3) the chairman of the Finance Committee;
- 23 (4) the minority chairman of the Finance Committee;
- 24 (5) the chairman of the Appropriations Committee;
- 25 (6) the minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee;
- 26 (7) one additional member appointed by the Speaker;
- 27 (8) one additional member appointed by the Majority Leader;
- 28 (9) one additional member appointed by the Minority Leader;

29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives

1 establish the first meeting time and place of the select
2 committee to be within 24 hours of the adoption of this
3 resolution; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the select committee on its first meeting
5 select a chairman; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the
7 House of Representatives provide staffing and assistance to the
8 select committee, including obtaining relevant data and other
9 research; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the ordinary and reasonable expenses incurred
11 by the select committee be paid from accounts under the control
12 of the Chief Clerk; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the select committee present its final
14 recommendation and draft language by October 31, 2013.