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Motions and Resolutions

Reps. McNeely, Sietsema, Welborn, Anderson, Roy Smith, Rosenbaum, Harrison, Gilmer, Owen, Thomas H. Brown, Hasper, Griffin, Trim, Joseph F. Young, Barcia, Virgil C. Smith, Jondahl, Geralds, Dutko, Goemaere, Sheridan, Bennane, Mary C. Brown, Cranton, Raymond W. Hood, Evans, Holmes, Scott, Geerlings, Buth, Bennett, Kelsey, Rocca, Legel, Spaniola, Maynard, Siljander and McCollough offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 467.

A concurrent resolution creating a special committee to investigate alternative proposals for the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB).

Whereas, PCB is a chemical material which has been used for its fire resistant properties in electric transformers, electric capacitors, hydraulic fluids, paper, fluorescent lights, and television parts. PCB is dangerous to humans because contamination can cause certain types of cancer; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has banned PCB effective June 1, 1979, and there exists a need to dispose of an estimated seventeen million pounds of the chemical which are located in Michigan; and

Whereas, Burial has proven itself to be an inadequate and dangerous disposal method. Traces of the chemical have been found in hundreds of Michigan residents and in Great Lakes fish; and

Whereas, A proposal has been made to burn the chemical in a cement kiln in the southwest Detroit area. Concern, however, has been raised over the serious health consequences of this proposal; and

Whereas, There exists a need for the Legislature to provide for the establishment of a PCB disposal system which poses the lowest possible health hazard to the fewest people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there is created a special committee to consist of 5 members of the House and 5 members of the Senate, to be appointed in the same manner as standing committees of the House and the Senate are appointed, to function during the 1977 and 1978 Regular Sessions of the Legislature, the interim between the 1977 and 1978 Regular Sessions of the Legislature, and until December 31, 1978, to investigate alternative proposals for the disposal of PCB including an examination of the proper facilities, location, and techniques necessary, as well as a proper and safe method of transporting the chemical to disposal sites, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 1978; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee may employ such consultants, aides, and assistants as it deems necessary to conduct its study; the committee may call upon the Legislative Service Bureau, subject to approval of the Legislative Council, for such services and assistance as it deems necessary and may request information and assistance from state departments and agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, the expenses of the members of the House to be paid from the appropriations to the House of Representatives and the expenses of the members of the Senate to be paid from the appropriations to the Senate.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on House Policy.

Reps. McNeely, Anderson, Welborn, Sietsema, Roy Smith, Rosenbaum, Harrison, Gilmer, Owen, Thomas H. Brown, Hasper, Griffin, Trim, Joseph F. Young, Barcia, Virgil C. Smith, Jondahl, Geralds, Dutko, Goemaere, Sheridan, Bennane, Raymond W. Hood, Spaniola, Cranton, Mary C. Brown, Evans, Holmes, Scott, Geerlings, Bennett, Kelsey, Rocca, Legel, Maynard, Siljander and McCollough offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 289.

A resolution creating a special committee to investigate alternative proposals for the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB).

Whereas, PCB is a chemical material which has been used for its fire resistant properties in electric transformers, electric capacitors, hydraulic fluids, paper, fluorescent lights, and television parts. PCB is dangerous to humans because contamination can cause certain types of cancer; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has banned PCB effective June 1, 1979, and there exists a need to dispose of an estimated seventeen million pounds of the chemical which are located in Michigan; and

Whereas, Burial has proven itself to be an inadequate and dangerous disposal method. Traces of the chemical have been found in hundreds of Michigan residents and in Great Lakes fish; and

Whereas, A proposal has been made to burn the chemical in a cement kiln in the southwest Detroit area. Concern, however, has been raised over the serious health consequences of this proposal; and

Whereas, There exists a need for the Legislature to provide for the establishment of a PCB disposal system which poses the lowest possible health hazard to the fewest people; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the House of Representatives, That there is created a special committee to consist of five members appointed in the same manner as standing committees are appointed, to function during the 1977 and 1978 Regular Sessions of the Legislature, the interim between the 1977 and 1978 Regular Sessions of the Legislature, and until December 31, 1978, to investigate alternative proposals for the disposal of PCB including an examination of the proper facilities, location, and techniques necessary, as well as a proper and safe method of transporting the chemical to disposal sites, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 1978; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee may employ such consultants, aides, and assistants as it deems necessary to conduct its study; the committee may call upon the Legislative Service Bureau, subject to approval of the Legislative Council, for such services and assistance as it deems necessary and may request information and assistance from state departments and agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, to be paid from the appropriation to the House of Representatives.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on House Policy.

Reps. Hertel, Bryant, Conlin, Defebaugh and Mowat offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 290.

A resolution of tribute to Maestro Antal Dorati.

Whereas, Classical music lovers throughout Michigan, and especially those in the Detroit area, are in a state of excitement, and it is all because of Maestro Antal Dorati. The new Music Director of the Detroit Symphony has inflamed the imaginations of thousands of Michigan residents, making it a pleasure to welcome him to this State for his debut on November 2, 1977; and

Whereas, Known throughout the world as the orchestra builder, Maestro Dorati was the Music Director of the Washington National Symphony from 1969 through last spring. He did with that orchestra what he has been doing throughout his music career, building quality and reputations; and

Whereas, The excitement surrounding Maestro Dorati's debut in Detroit is understandable, for the Hungarian-born composer and conducter is acclaimed throughout the world. Born in Budapest on April 9, 1906, Mr. Dorati studied at the Academy of Music in Budapest and at the University of Vienna in Austria; and

Whereas, Antal Dorati's career has taken him to the Budapest Royal Opera House, the Dresden State Opera, the Munster State Opera, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, the Dallas and Minneapolis Symphony Orchestras, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the Stockholm Philharmonic, and London's Royal Philharmonic. In addition, he has performed as guest conductor of all major symphonies in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Australia; and

Whereas, A conductor of precision and style, Maestro Dorati has already brought new life to the classical music scene in Detroit with his choice of a Beethoven Festival for openers. The choice is appropriate—a master conducting the compositions of a master; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the warmest welcome and highest praise be hereby accorded Maestro Antal Dorati upon his debut as Music Director of the Detroit Symphony; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Dorati as a testimonial to the high esteem in which he is held by the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Robert Semple, President of the Detroit Symphony and Mr. Marshall Turkin, Executive Director of the Detroit Symphony in recognition of their wisdom in inviting Mr. Dorati to Detroit.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Hertel moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

The motion prevailed, three-fifths of the members present voting therefor.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Colleges and Universities, by Rep. Vaughn, Chairman, reported

House Bill No. 4110, entitled

A bill to create a fifth pathway fund; to provide for a fifth pathway program; and to make an appropriation.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The Committee further recommended that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The further recommendation was concurred in and the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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