
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 20 Session of 1979

INTRODUCED BY GOEBEL, LASHINGER AND POTT, MARCH 6, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 6, 1979

In the House of Representatives, March 6, 1979

1 WHEREAS, It is alleged that The Spirit Association for the
2 Unification of World Christianity, also known as the Unification
3 Church, and the following religious societies; Scientology,
4 Children of God, International Society Krishna Consciousness,
5 Divine Light Mission, Church of Bible Understanding, Council for
6 Social Development, Neo-American Church and The Way
7 International, may utilize improper mind control techniques in
8 their recruitment and subsequent retention of members; and

9 WHEREAS, It is important to ascertain whether or not the
10 Unification Church or the other entities mentioned above recruit
11 and/or retain their membership by way of techniques which
12 undermine voluntary consent, involve the use of duress,
13 interfere with free will or otherwise involve improper mind
14 control practices; and

15 WHEREAS, It is necessary to determine whether the parents of
16 individuals who have become members of the Unification Church,
17 and who are commonly referred to as "Moonies", or the other
18 entities employ similar recruitment and/or membership retention

1 practices have adequate remedy under existing law to ascertain
2 whether or not such initial or continued membership is voluntary
3 and not the result of improper mind control techniques or other
4 forms of duress; and

5 WHEREAS, It is alleged that the Unification Church and the
6 other entities have engaged in improper and misleading fund-
7 raising practices and that such deceptive fund-raising is
8 facilitated by their alleged status as religious organizations;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, It is necessary to determine whether the fund-
11 raising practices of the Unification Church and the other
12 entities are improper and misleading and, if so, whether
13 existing law adequately regulates or prohibits such conduct;
14 therefore be it

