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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON
4 LAW & GOVERNMENT
5 AND PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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7 Room 400, City Hall
8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
9 Thursday, February 4, 1999
10 9:35 a.m.
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12 Resolution 960671 - Calling for a full and
13 comprehensive joint investigation by the
14 Committees on Law & Government and Health & Human
15 Services into the exact ways in which the recently
16 enacted so-called "welfare reform" legislation
17 will impact the citizens of Philadelphia, and how
18 the City can best exercise all powers that it may
19 have in easing the burdens imposed on helpless
20 citizens under the new law, including pressing for
21 positive implementing legislation at the State
22 level, and finding ways in which the City
23 government, using subsidies that may be available
24 under the new law, can provide jobs for welfare
25 recipients at a living wage.

(Draft Report attached herewith.)

18 PRESENT: COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ, Chair
19 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
20 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
21 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
22 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
23 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Good morning. This
4 is the Committee on Law and Government and Health
5 and Human Services. We have a quorum of Council
6 President Verna, Councilman DiCicco, Councilwoman
7 Donna Miller, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Rizzo.

8 This is a very simple process today.
9 We have given the report out to the folks. This
10 report has been extensively covered. It's
11 Resolution 960671. And I think we have a quorum,
12 Madame President. This is going to be the biggest
13 public policy issue in the next five years, and
14 City Council has to do a very comprehensive report
15 on it. All members have read it.

16 (Copy of report attached herewith.)

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: The Chair recognizes
18 Councilman Nutter for a motion.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I
20 move that the Joint Committee on Law & Government
21 and Health & Human Services accept the report on
22 the "Imminent Dangers of Welfare Reform in
23 Philadelphia," written pursuant to Resolution
24 960671, that said report and its recommendations
25 be adopted by the entire City Council at its next

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2 stated meeting, and that a copy of the approved
3 report be sent to Governor Ridge and the General
4 Assembly.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Do I hear a second?

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7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Good. A motion has
9 been made and seconded.

10 All of those in favor, say aye.

11 Any nays?

12 The ayes have it. The report gets
13 approved, and the resolution will be introduced
14 into the next City Council meeting proposing and
15 putting the report before the whole body.

16 Thank you. This meeting stands
17 adjourned to the call of the Chair.

18 (Adjourned at 9:38 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, February 4, 1999, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: JOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEES ON LAW & GOVERNMENT
AND HEALTH & PUBLIC WELFARE
RESOLUTION NO. 960671

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