MEMO



Senate of Pennsylvania

TO:

Members of Senate Constitutional Changes & Federal Relations

DATE: NOV. 13, 1980

FROM:

Senator Jeanette F. Reibman Chairman, Senate Education Committee

SUBJECT:

House Resolution 84

On Monday, the State Constitutional Changes and Federal Relations will meet to consider House Resolution 84. I am writing to urge your support for this resolution.

This resolution memorializes Congress to authorize the so-called "Hudson Tap." The Hudson Tap is a project designed to have New York City withdraw its water supply from the Hudson River, and reduce its reliance on the Delaware River watershed. The recent drought in Eastern Pennsylvania underscores the need for implementing this project.

Under current arrangements, New York City is authorized to withdraw its daily allotment regardless of the conditions of the water supply. In drought situations, this means that the water table and water supply in the Delaware Watershed below the New York City reservoirs is severely reduced. Thus Pennsylvania communities are forced to bear the consequences of the drought, with New York City remaining immune. I trust you can appreciate the importance of this resolution to the Delaware Valley, and will support reporting it to the floor of the Senate.