

HARRISBURG

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July 1, 2003

Robert G. Kearns, Jr. RR #3, Box 254A1 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is in response to your petition for impeachment which you recently sent to Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

The Speaker of the House will refer this petition to the Judiciary Committee on our next Legislative Session day, which will be July 2, 2003. However, you should be aware that the impeachment process was designed to remove a civil officer who has misbehaved in office, and was not designed to remove members of the judiciary who did not take a particular action that the complainant believed the judge should have taken on a matter before the court. The appropriate redress in such cases is to appeal the judge's decision, or file a complaint with the Judicial Conduct Board.

Any further communication regarding this petition should be directed to the House Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

CLANCY MYER

CM/smm

cc: Honorable Dennis M. O'Brien

Honorable Kevin Blaum

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February 27, 2002

RR# 3, Box 254A1 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Robert G. Kearns, Jr.

Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is to advise you the Speaker has referred your petition for impeachment to the House Judiciary Committee. Any further communications regarding this matter should be directed to the Committee.

Sincerely,

CLANCY MYER



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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

February 11, 2004

Robert G. Kearns, Jr. RR #3, Box 254A1 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is in response to the two impeachment petitions you resubmitted to the House of Representatives.

The impeachment petition regarding Judge William Henry does not have to be resubmitted, since you sent the petition to us in 2003, and this legislative session covers the years 2003-2004.

The petition for impeachment for Judge Carpenter does have to be refiled and will be referred to the Judiciary Committee. Any further correspondence regarding this matter should be directed to the Committee. Upon review of this impeachment petition, it is my opinion this matter would be more appropriately sent to the Judiciary Conduct Board rather than submitting this petition to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

**CLANCY MYER** 

CM/smm

cc: Representative Dennis M. O'Brien

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

January 5, 2005

Mr. Robert G. Kearns, Jr. RR #3, Box 254A1 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your petition for impeachment regarding Judge Hiram A. Carpenter and Judge William Henry. The Speaker will refer these petitions to the Judiciary Committee in late January, after the committees have been formally organized and are able to accept such petitions.

Since you do not wish to receive my "run of the mill" opinion that these matters would be more appropriate for the Judicial Conduct Board, I will issue no such opinion to you.

Sincerely,

Clancy Myer

Parliamentarian

cc: Honorable Dennis O'Brien, Chairman Judiciary Committee



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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

April 12, 2005

Robert G. Kearns, Jr. R.R.#3, Box 254A1 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is in response to your petition for impeachment of the members of the House Judiciary Committee. As you may be aware, Article VI, Section 6 of the Pennsylvania Constitution states in pertinent part as follows: "The Governor and all other civil officers shall be liable to impeachment for any misbehavior in office..." (emphasis added).

The allegations you have made against the members of the Judiciary Committee, for failing to consider and report out a resolution calling for the impeachment of certain judges, is solely within the committee's power and is not misbehavior in office. There are numerous bills and other matters sent to all committees in the House, and there is no constitutional requirement that committees report out the bills and other matters referred to them. You are, in fact, asking to have these members impeached simply because they did not do what you requested them to do. While you may disagree with their decision, this is not an impeachable offense.

Accordingly, we are is unable to refer your petition for impeachment of the members of the House Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Clancy Myer Parliamentarian

cc: Honorable Dennis O'Brien Honorable Thomas Caltagirone





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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

January 11, 2006

Robert G. Kearns, Jr. R.R. #3, Box 254A1 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Dear Mr. Kearns:

We have enclosed a copy of our letter to you dated January 5, 2005, informing you that we referred your petition for impeachment regarding Judge Hiram A. Carpenter and Judge William Henry to the House Judiciary Committee. Since this petition is already before the Judiciary Committee, there is no need to again refer them at this time.

Sincerely,

Clancy Myer
Parliamentarian

January 5, 2005

Mr. Robert G. Kearns, Jr. RR #3, Box 254A1 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your petition for impeachment regarding Judge Hiram A. Carpenter and Judge William Henry. The Speaker will refer these petitions to the Judiciary Committee in late January, after the committees have been formally organized and are able to accept such petitions.

Since you do not wish to receive my "run of the mill" opinion that these matters would be more appropriate for the Judicial Conduct Board, I will issue no such opinion to you.

Sincerely,

Clancy Myer Parliamentarian

**Judiciary Committee** 

cc: Honorable Dennis O'Brien, Chairman