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H. R. 3929

To direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to provide payments to communities in which a nuclear power plant that has ceased generating electricity and that stores spent nuclear fuel onsite is located, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY (for himself and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stranded Nuclear
5 Waste Accountability Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PAYMENTS TO COMMUNITIES THAT**
2 **ARE IMPACTED BY INTERIM STORAGE OF**
3 **SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.**

4 (a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Energy shall estab-
5 lish and carry out a program to make payments to units
6 of general local government within the jurisdictional
7 boundaries of which an eligible civilian nuclear power
8 plant is located.

9 (b) PAYMENTS.—

10 (1) AMOUNT.—Except as provided in paragraph
11 (3), a payment made to a unit of general local gov-
12 ernment under the program established under sub-
13 section (a) shall be equal to \$15 per kilogram of
14 spent nuclear fuel stored at the eligible civilian nu-
15 clear power plant that is located within the jurisdic-
16 tional boundaries of such unit of general local gov-
17 ernment.

18 (2) NUMBER AND FREQUENCY.—For each eligi-
19 ble civilian nuclear power plant, the Secretary may
20 only make one payment to one unit of general local
21 government per fiscal year under the program estab-
22 lished under subsection (a).

23 (3) PRO RATA REDUCTION.—For any fiscal
24 year, the Secretary shall, on a pro rata basis, reduce
25 the amount paid to a unit of general local govern-
26 ment under the program established under sub-

1 section (a) as necessary to ensure, to the extent pos-
2 sible, that a payment is made to a unit of general
3 local government with respect to each eligible civilian
4 nuclear power plant for that fiscal year.

5 (4) ANNUAL APPLICATION.—In order to be eli-
6 gible to receive a payment under the program estab-
7 lished under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, a unit
8 of general local government shall submit an applica-
9 tion to the Secretary.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

11 (1) CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR.—The
12 term “civilian nuclear power reactor” has the mean-
13 ing given such term in section 2(6) of the Nuclear
14 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101(6)).

15 (2) ELIGIBLE CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER
16 PLANT.—The term “eligible civilian nuclear power
17 plant” means a site at which—

18 (A) each civilian nuclear power reactor lo-
19 cated at such site has ceased generating elec-
20 tricity prior to the date of enactment of this
21 Act; and

22 (B) spent nuclear fuel is being stored.

23 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
24 the Secretary of Energy.

1 (4) SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.—The term “spent
2 nuclear fuel” has the meaning given such term in
3 section 2(23) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of
4 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101(23)).

5 (5) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—
6 The term “unit of general local government” has the
7 meaning given such term in section 2(28) of the Nu-
8 clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.
9 10101(28)).

10 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for the
12 program established under subsection (a) for each of fiscal
13 years 2018 through 2024.

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