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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 12, 2025

Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

OCTOBER 29, 2025

Reported by Mrs. CAPITO, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Recycling Ef-
3 ficient Fuels Utilizing Expedited Licensing Act of 2025”
4 or the “Nuclear REFUEL Act of 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM DEFINITION OF PRODUCTION FA-**
6 **CILITY.**

7 Section 11 v. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
8 U.S.C. 2014(v)) is amended, in the second sentence, by
9 striking “separating the isotopes of uranium or enriching
10 uranium in the isotope 235” and inserting “(A) separating
11 isotopes of uranium or enriching uranium in the isotope
12 235; or (B) reprocessing spent nuclear fuel in a manner
13 that does not separate plutonium from other transuranic
14 elements”.

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