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H. R. 3358

To enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste and to ensure the expansion of clean nuclear power in the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance our domestic energy security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Mr. UPTON (for himself and Mr. TOWNS) 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 “Renewing Our Com-
5 mitment to Safe and Clean Power Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act:

- 1 (1) “Commission”;
- 2 (2) “disposal”;
- 3 (3) “high-level radioactive waste”;
- 4 (4) “repository”;
- 5 (5) “Secretary”; and
- 6 (6) “spent nuclear fuel”

7 have the meaning given those terms in section 2 of the
8 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101).

9 **SEC. 3. NUCLEAR WASTEFUND.**

10 (a) CREDITING FEES.—Beginning on October 1,
11 2007, and continuing through the end of the fiscal year
12 when construction is complete for surface facilities for the
13 fully operational repository as described in the license ap-
14 plication and for the Nevada rail line, fees collected by
15 the Secretary and deposited in the Nuclear Waste Fund
16 under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.
17 10101 et seq.) shall be credited to the Nuclear Waste
18 Fund as discretionary offsetting collections each year in
19 amounts not to exceed the amounts appropriated from the
20 Nuclear Waste Fund for that year.

21 (b) FUND USES.—Section 302(d)(4) of the Nuclear
22 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10222(d)(4)) is
23 amended by inserting “infrastructure activities that the
24 Secretary deems are necessary or appropriate to support
25 construction or operation of a repository at the Yucca

1 Mountain site or transportation to such site of spent nu-
2 clear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, and” after
3 “with”.

4 **SEC. 4. WASTE CONFIDENCE.**

5 Notwithstanding any other law, in deciding whether
6 to permit the construction or operation of a nuclear reac-
7 tor or any related facilities, the Commission shall deem,
8 without further consideration, that sufficient capacity will
9 be available in a timely manner to dispose of the spent
10 nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste resulting
11 from the operation of the reactor and any related facilities.

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