

Public Law 95-110
95th Congress

An Act

Sept. 20, 1977
[S. 1153]

To abolish the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and to reassign certain functions and authorities thereof, and for other purposes.

Atomic Energy
Act of 1954,
amendment.
42 USC 2011.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (Public Law 83-703), as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new chapter:

“CHAPTER 20. JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY
ABOLISHED; FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
REASSIGNED

42 USC 2258.

“SEC. 301. JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY ABOLISHED.—

“a. The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy is abolished.

“b. Any reference in any rule, resolution, or order of the Senate or the House of Representatives or in any law, regulation, or Executive order to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy shall, on and after the date of enactment of this section, be considered as referring to the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives which, under the rules of the Senate and the House, have jurisdiction over the subject matter of such reference.

Records, transfer.

“c. All records, data, charts, and files of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy are transferred to the committees of the Senate and House of Representatives which, under the rules of the Senate and the House, have jurisdiction over the subject matters to which such records, data, charts, and files relate. In the event that any record, data, chart, or file shall be within the jurisdiction of more than one committee, duplicate copies shall be provided upon request.

“SEC. 302. TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN OTHER LAWS.—

Repeal.
42 USC 2251 *et*
seq.

“a. Effective on the date of enactment of this section, chapter 17 of this Act is repealed.

Repeal.
42 USC 2315.

“b. Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955, as amended, is repealed.

31 USC 1302.

“c. Section 3 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by—

“(1) striking the subsection designation ‘(a)’; and

“(2) repealing subsection (b).

Repeal.

Repeal.

2 USC 190j.

42 USC 2259.

“d. Section 252(a)(3) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 is repealed.

“SEC. 303. INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

“a. The Secretary of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall keep the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives which, under the rules of the Senate and the House, have jurisdiction over the functions of the Secretary or the Commission, fully and currently informed with respect to the activities of the Secretary and the Commission.

"b. The Department of Defense and Department of State shall keep the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives which, under the rules of the Senate and the House, have jurisdiction over national security considerations of nuclear energy, fully and currently informed with respect to such matters within the Department of Defense and Department of State relating to national security considerations of nuclear technology which are within the jurisdiction of such committees.

"c. Any Government agency shall furnish any information requested by the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives which, under the rules of the Senate and the House, have jurisdiction over the development, utilization, or application of nuclear energy, with respect to the activities or responsibilities of such agency in the field of nuclear energy which are within the jurisdiction of such committees.

"d. The committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives which, under the rules of the Senate and the House, have jurisdiction over the development, utilization, or application of nuclear energy, are authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of any Government agency which has activities or responsibilities in the field of nuclear energy which are within the jurisdiction of such committees: *Provided, however*, That any utilization of personnel by such committees shall be on a reimbursable basis and shall require, with respect to committees of the Senate, the prior written consent of the Committee on Rules and Administration, and with respect to committees of the House of Representatives, the prior written consent of the Committee on House Administration."

SEC. 2. (a) The table of contents of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 is amended—

- (1) by striking out the items relating to chapter 17; and
- (2) by adding at the end thereof the following:

"CHAPTER 20. JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY ABOLISHED; FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES REASSIGNED

"Sec. 301. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy Abolished.

"Sec. 302. Transfers of Certain Functions of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and Conforming Amendments to Certain Other Laws.

"Sec. 303. Information and Assistance to Congressional Committees."

(b) The table of contents of the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955 is amended by striking out the item relating to section 103.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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Mar. 31, considered and passed Senate.

Aug. 5, considered and passed House, amended; Senate agreed to House amendments.