

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1617

By Committee on Utilities

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Government of the United States to take action to enable prompt approval, construction and operation of a high level radioactive waste disposal facility at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 directs the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to find a suitable site for a high level radioactive waste disposal facility and to construct and operate such facility upon licensure by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, In 1987 Congress directed DOE to study Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine whether it is a suitable site for the location of a high level radioactive waste repository; and

WHEREAS, The geological and hydrological characteristics of the Yucca Mountain site make it suitable for a nuclear waste repository that will keep waste isolated for thousands of years, posing no more risk of health effects to the public than unmined uranium ore; and

WHEREAS, Failure to approve and construct a central repository for high level radioactive waste has required continued storage of the waste onsite at nuclear reactors, creating vulnerability to terrorism and a risk to national security; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Legislature of the State of Kansas urges the Government of the United States to take action to enable prompt approval, construction and operation of a high level radioactive waste disposal facility at Yucca Mountain, Nevada; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, George W. Bush; Spencer Abraham, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C., 20585; Richard A. Meserve, Chairperson, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001; Senator Tom Daschle, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510; Senator Trent Lott, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510; Representative J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515; Rep-

1 representative Richard A. Gephardt, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Rep-
2 resentatives, Washington, D.C., 20515; Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chair-
3 person, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate,
4 Washington, D.C., 20510; Representative W.J. Tauzin, Chairperson,
5 Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives,
6 Washington, D.C., 20515; and each member of the Kansas Congressional
7 Delegation.

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