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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman
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FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs *DR*

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS
HIGHLIGHTS FOR NEW CONGRESS

Attached for your information are highlights of the new 103rd Congress from the Office of Congressional Affairs for Wednesday, February 10, 1993.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1993

- o Congress is not in session during the period February 8-15, 1993.
- o Ms. Lola Russell, Constituent Services Representative for Congresswoman McKinney (D-GA), will accompany Dr. Selin on his visit to Vogtle next Tuesday, February 16, 1993.
- o There has been some interest from the Hill on the security incident at TMI on Sunday, February 7, 1993. In particular, Jeff Hodges, Congressman Dingell's staff person on Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, House Committee on Energy and Commerce and Congressman Schumer (D-NY). (He used to be on the Committee on Natural Resources but has switched over to Foreign Affairs.) Congressional Affairs briefed staff members of our Oversight Subcommittees during the event from the Operations Center on Sunday. ✓
- o Rep. Conyers (D-MI), Chair of the House Government Operations Committee, has introduced H.R. 826, legislation to require federal agencies to establish measurable program performance goals and report actual results. Rep. Clinger (R-PA), the ranking minority on the Committee, is a cosponsor. Senator Roth (R-DE) earlier introduced an identical bill, S. 20, and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee intends to hold hearings on it later this year. The Chair of the Committee, Senator Glenn (D-OH), is a cosponsor. The program would begin with a 3-year pilot program within at least 10 agencies in order to determine its workability. If successful, Congress would then consider a resolution requiring governmentwide implementation. Due to the key sponsorships, the bill is likely to advance quickly.
- o Rep. Gilman (R-NY) introduced H.R. 511, providing authority for federal agencies to offer public service scholarships as a recruiting mechanism in exchange for certain years of employment. The bill also includes a provision inserted at the NRC's request which would correct an earlier oversight that prevents the NRC from using repayment of student loans as a recruitment and retention.

- o NRC will brief Senator Hatfield's (R-OR) staff and staff from the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on Wednesday, February 17 on reactor decommissioning. This will be two separate briefings.

- o Rep. Ron Wyden's (D-OR) staff was briefed on Trojan decommissioning last week. He suggested that the NRC and the utility hold a joint meeting in Portland, Oregon on the decommissioning effort.

- o Michigan delegation interest in dry cask storage at Palisades continues. Briefing for State Attorney General set for February 23. Letter has been received in NRC from Senator Levin on concerns about long term storage at plant.