

July 12, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
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Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director **/RA/**
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: HOUSE ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP OF
"ENERGY ADVANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 2001"

On July 11, 2001, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality began markup of a draft bill, "Energy Advancement and Conservation Act of 2001." Title I of the bill addresses nuclear energy issues and contains the following three items of interest to the NRC: (1) moves the Nuclear Waste Fund off-budget; (2) starts the 40-year operating clock for new nuclear reactors only when a plant actually begins to generate electricity; and (3) allows the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect licensing fees from federal facilities. A copy of Title I is attached.

A number of nuclear-related amendments were offered and withdrawn after discussion and commitments by the Subcommittee leadership to work with the sponsors to craft mutually agreeable amendments to be offered at full Committee markup. Copies of the withdrawn amendments are attached with the exception of an amendment by Representative Ted Strickland (D-OH) which is not yet available. A copy of that amendment will be circulated when it is available. A number of Members lamented the absence of Price-Anderson renewal language in the draft bill. Chairman Barton said that it would be considered at a later time.

Markup of the bill is continuing.

Attachment:
As stated

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