

October 4, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP OF
H.R. 2983, "PRICE-ANDERSON REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001"

On October 4, 2001, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a markup of H.R. 2983, "Price-Anderson Reauthorization Act of 2001." The bill was introduced by Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM) and Subcommittee Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX). The Subcommittee favorably reported the bill to the full Committee by voice vote. The Members comments were overwhelmingly in support of the bill.

Attached is a copy of the bill that passed the Subcommittee. It would authorize the Act through 2017. The only amendment that passed, copy attached, was offered by Representative Christopher Cox (R-CA). The amendment would prohibit the Federal government from assuming an indemnity for a nuclear accident occurring in any country determined to be engaged in State sponsorship of terrorist activities. An amendment offered and withdrawn by Representative John Dingell (D-MI) would have authorized the Justice Department to sue nuclear contractors who are protected by Price Anderson in cases of gross negligence or misconduct. An amendment similar to this will be offered at the Committee markup pending agreement between Committee Members, the Department of Energy and its contractors.

Two amendments, copies attached, proposed by Representative Ed Markey (D-MA) were not offered as Mr. Markey did not attend the markup.

No date was announced for the full Committee markup.

Attachments:
As stated

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