

REPORT (MISC. #02065)

April 18, 2002

BY: General Government Committee, William Patterson, Chairperson  
IN RE: MR #02065 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - SUPPORT FOR  
PERMANENT REPOSITORY OF NUCLEAR WASTE

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners  
Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The General Government Committee, having reviewed the above-  
titled resolution on April 8, 2002, recommends that the resolution  
be adopted.

Chairperson, on behalf of the General Government Committee, I  
move acceptance of the foregoing report.

*William R Patterson*  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE VOTE:

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Friedman Appel  
absent.

*Wm Patterson  
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OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Miscellaneous Resolution # 02065

BY: Commissioners Charles E. Palmer, District #16 and Lawrence A. Obrecht, District #3  
RE: Board of Commissioners - Support for Permanent Repository of Nuclear Waste  
TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties' Board of Directors passed a resolution to urge Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress to support the efforts of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste by opening Yucca Mountain, Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity. Michigan is among the majority of states that derive energy from nuclear plants; and

**WHEREAS**, since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma associated with this technology is how to deal with the waste material that is produced. This high-level radioactive waste material demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including the transportation of this material; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. This legislation requires the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Energy, to build a facility for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste. This act, which was amended in 1987, includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and to establish the waste facility. The costs for this undertaking are to be paid from a fee that is assessed on all nuclear energy produced; and

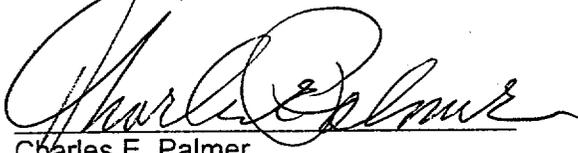
**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the federal act, Michigan electric customers have paid \$405.8 million into this federal fund for construction of the federal waste facility; and

**WHEREAS**, there are serious concerns that the federal government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law. The U.S. Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law. There is too much at stake.

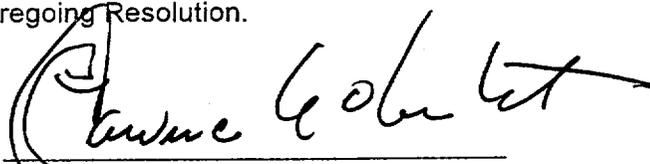
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Oakland County Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon Michigan's elected officials to support the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Regulatory Commission in their effort to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for high-level nuclear waste.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be transmitted the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.



Charles E. Palmer  
Commissioner, District #16



Lawrence A. Obrecht  
Commissioner, District #3

Resolution #02065

March 14, 2002

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the General Government Committee. There were no objections.

Moved by Palmer supported by Amos the resolutions on the Consent Agenda be adopted, (with accompanying reports being accepted).

AYES: Brian, Buckley, Causey-Mitchell, Coleman, Crawford, Dingeldey, Douglas, Garfield, Gregory, Law, McPherson, Melton, Middleton, Moffitt, Moss, Obrecht, Palmer, Patterson, Sever, Suarez, Webster, Amos. (22)  
NAYS: None. (0)

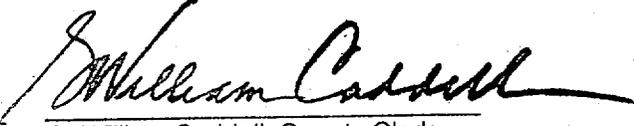
A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, were adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).

DOES NOT REQUIRE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, G. William Caddell, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on April 18, 2002, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 18th day of April, 2002.

  
G. William Caddell, County Clerk