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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to prohibit the importation of nuclear waste generated outside of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, EnergySolutions, based in Salt Lake City, is seeking a license from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to import up to approximately twenty thousand tons, a total volume of up to approximately one million cubic feet, of various types of materials from decommissioned nuclear facilities in Italy; and

WHEREAS, EnergySolutions would process and recycle most of the contaminated material at its facilities in Tennessee, in accordance with licenses issued by the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the remaining waste would be sent to EnergySolutions' low-level radioactive waste disposal facility in Clive, Utah, and any waste that does not qualify for disposal at the Utah facility would be returned to Italy; and

WHEREAS, EnergySolutions' license application specifies that the waste is to be transported to the United States by oceangoing vessel to the ports of Charleston or New Orleans, and at the time of the application, the generators of the waste were "not fully known" nor could the waste be evaluated for classification pursuant to federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, although the NRC seeks the input of the states of Tennessee and Utah as the states where the waste is processed and disposed, the states of Louisiana and South Carolina were not consulted despite the fact that the waste would spend significant time in these states while the cargo is transferred from an oceangoing vessel to either barge, truck, or rail transportation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana continues to rebuild in the wakes of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita where substantial federal, state, and private resources are being brought to bear on the New Orleans metro area, and the fact or the perception that New Orleans is a staging area for foreign nuclear waste is counterproductive to that rebuilding effort; and

WHEREAS, Europe as a whole may see an increase in the need to process and dispose of nuclear waste as many of the countries in Europe rely on an aging inventory of nuclear power plants that will be decommissioned in the coming years, as in the EnergySolutions application, and new facilities are being planned not only as replacements but also to reduce reliance on fossil fuel; and

WHEREAS, the current application from EnergySolutions may only be the beginning of a trend as the decrease in value of the United States dollar in relation to the Euro will make disposal of Europe's nuclear waste in the United States economically attractive and make New Orleans the gateway to that cheap disposal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to prohibit the importation of nuclear waste generated outside of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE