

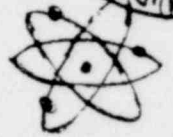
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In The Supreme Court Case of HONIKER vs the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

A SAFE ENERGY RESOLUTION

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- WHEREAS: Radiation is routinely emitted along every step of the nuclear fuel cycle, and this radiation reaches the population through the food chain, particularly milk and drinking water, and this radiation causes thousands of cancers, birth defects, and life-shortening diseases to present and future generations; and
- WHEREAS: Each nuclear reactor produces long-lived, high-level, radioactive waste, including plutonium and enriched uranium — ingredients of atomic bombs — which must be stored and guarded for hundreds of generations, and for which no safe, permanent storage method has been found despite 5,615 studies over three decades; and
- WHEREAS: There is risk of a serious accident of catastrophic proportions and duration as evidenced by the Three Mile Island core melt, the Brown's Ferry fire, and the two accidents involving transportation of nuclear materials which occur every week in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS: Nuclear energy is the most expensive method of generating electricity and will not reduce our dependence on foreign oil according to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament's and the Harvard Business School's studies, but may make us dependent on foreign uranium by the 1990's according to utility purchasers; and
- WHEREAS: National and sub-national attacks on the United States will not need nuclear weapons to achieve a nuclear devastation of the North American continent when nuclear fuel cycle facilities are located in every state and region of the U.S. and Canada; and
- WHEREAS: After hundreds of billions of dollars invested, nuclear power now contributes less than 3% of the energy used by the United States and will contribute less than 10% by the year 2000 under even the most ambitious construction plans; and
- WHEREAS: The utilities have a 38% peak margin of reserve capacity in 1979, meaning that at the peak use hours, more than one generating station in three is idle, and the one in ten plants which is nuclear could be removed from the electrical transmission grid without causing brownouts or blackouts in any part of the country; and
- WHEREAS: A Shutdown of nuclear power would cause a positive shift in employment and investment which would make us less dependent on foreign energy and safer from the threat of sudden, more catastrophic blackouts later; severe nuclear accidents, cancer epidemics, and nuclear war; and
- WHEREAS: This nation can provide sufficient energy with alternative technologies which are cleaner, safer, and more economical than nuclear power;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That *Jim Parash*  
go on record in favor of a suspension of the nuclear fuel cycle as a means to generate electricity except as shall be prudently required for decommissioning, decontamination and waste management, from this the *14* day of *SEPT*, 1979, forward, as rapidly as the phasing out of existing facilities can be achieved.

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