



CHAIRMAN

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

May 20, 1994

The Honorable Jack Brooks, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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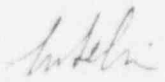
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²The provisions that would be amended are currently identified in H.R. 3355 as paragraph (4)(A) of section 922(s) and paragraph (2)(A) of section 922(u) of title 18, United States Code, and in H.R. 4296 as paragraph (4)(A) of section 922(v) and paragraph (3)(A) of section 922(x) of title 18.

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