

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1123

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the use of Yucca Mountain as the Nation's primary permanent nuclear waste storage site.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. INGLIS, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act in 1982, setting the stage for a safe and permanent nuclear waste repository;

Whereas in 1987 Congress designated Yucca Mountain as the only option for a long-term storage site;

Whereas Congress reaffirmed Yucca Mountain's designation of the only option for a long-term storage site in 2002;

Whereas since 1982, the nuclear power industry, through ratepayers, has paid over \$16,000,000,000 into the Nuclear Waste Fund;

Whereas South Carolinians alone have contributed more than \$1,200,000,000 into the Nuclear Waste Fund;

Whereas the total spent for the preparation and construction of a permanent storage site at Yucca Mountain has exceeded \$10,000,000,000;

Whereas taxpayers will receive nothing for their substantial investment as a result of the decision to abandon the Yucca Mountain project;

Whereas nuclear waste is stored at over 120 locations across the country, with 160,000,000 Americans living within 75 miles of one of these sites; and

Whereas the presence of so many storage facilities throughout the United States presents a potential national security threat because each storage site could be a target for terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) strongly believes that the decision to abandon  
3       the 23-year bipartisan project establishing  
4       Yucca Mountain as the Nation’s primary permanent  
5       nuclear waste storage site—

6               (A) is misguided and breaks a promise  
7       made to certain States nearly 3 decades ago;  
8       and

1           (B) violates the letter of the law by extend-  
2           ing the length of time South Carolina and other  
3           States will be forced to store nuclear waste; and  
4           (2) calls upon the President to honor the bipar-  
5           tisan commitment made to taxpayers to establish  
6           Yucca Mountain as the Nation's primary permanent  
7           nuclear waste storage site.

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