

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE CONSENSUS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE IS ESSENTIALLY A NATIONWIDE PROBLEM AND SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY DEALT WITH BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, AND URGING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAKE A LEAD IN EFFECTING SUCH LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE PRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY IN THE STATES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL INTERSTATE LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMPACT.

WHEREAS, the Low Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act enacted by the Congress of the United States mandates each state to provide for the disposal of its low level radioactive waste or to enter into a compact with other states for a cooperative program for the disposal of such waste produced in those states; and

WHEREAS, the Low Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act is an attempt by the United States Congress to deal with a national problem on a state or regional basis and such treatment of the problem is not practical; and

WHEREAS, studies have been made on behalf of the Central Interstate Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission for the purpose of identifying appropriate siting areas in the Central Interstate Compact area for the storage and disposal of low level radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the possible sites in Arkansas as determined by such studies are obviously unsuitable for a low level radioactive waste disposal facility due to the water runoff, the water table level and other drainage and topographical conditions that render the storage and disposal of such waste in those areas hazardous to the public health not only in the immediate area of the proposed sites but in many areas along the major streams and tributaries south of such sites; and

WHEREAS, since the problem of appropriate disposal of low level radioactive waste is a national problem and not a local or regional problem, it

appears that it could better be handled by action at the national level,  
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That it is the consensus of the Arkansas General Assembly that the  
storage and disposal of low level radioactive waste is not a state or regional  
problem but rather is a nationwide problem which should be addressed and  
resolved at the national level through appropriate legislative or administra-  
tive action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly hereby respectfully  
urges the Arkansas Congressional Delegation to take a leadership role in  
bringing about such Congressional or administrative action as may be deemed  
necessary to provide appropriate facilities for the disposal of low level  
radioactive waste in the nation and to relieve the states of the mandate con-  
tained in the Low Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (Public Law 96-573).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in pursuing this matter, the Arkansas  
Congressional Delegation is urged to solicit the cooperation and assistance of  
the congressional delegations from the other states which are members of the  
Central Interstate Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, a copy  
hereof shall be transmitted to each member of the Arkansas Congressional  
Delegation.