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H. R. 2475

To provide for congressional approval of a nuclear aircraft carrier waste disposal plan before the construction of CVN-76, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. OWENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NUCLEAR CARRIER WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN.**

4 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Within one year of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit
6 to Congress a 20-year plan for the safe life-cycle mainte-
7 nance and decommissioning of the Navy's nuclear-powered
8 aircraft carriers. The plan shall provide for—

1 (1) sites and methods for safe disposal of spent
2 nuclear fuel; and

3 (2) sites and methods for the safe disposal of
4 the ships' hulls, structures, machinery, and equip-
5 ment.

6 (b) CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.—Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, no funds may be appropriated
8 for the construction of the next nuclear-powered aircraft
9 carrier (CVN-76) until the plan set forth in the report
10 required by subsection (a) (or an alternative plan meeting
11 the same requirements as set forth in subsection (a)) has
12 been approved by law.

13 **SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF NUCLEAR AIR-**
14 **CRAFT CARRIER ACCIDENTS.**

15 Within one year of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Energy shall submit to Congress a report detail-
17 ing the likelihood and environmental impact of a reactor
18 accident aboard a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, includ-
19 ing—

20 (1) a noncombat accident or systems failure;
21 and

22 (2) a combat-related accident or systems fail-
23 ure.

1 **SEC. 3. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS.**

2 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Within one year of the en-
3 actment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
4 States shall submit to Congress a report detailing the
5 costs and benefits of the construction of another nuclear-
6 powered aircraft carrier (CVN-76). The report shall in-
7 clude—

8 (1) detailed estimates of the cost of construct-
9 ing and operating CVN-76;

10 (2) the operational benefits of a nuclear-pow-
11 ered aircraft carrier in comparison to a convention-
12 ally powered aircraft carrier;

13 (3) the operational limitations of nuclear-pow-
14 ered aircraft carriers that have been put into place
15 by foreign nations and international law;

16 (4) the feasibility and budget impact of fulfill-
17 ing the Navy's strategic commitments through the
18 construction of a conventionally powered aircraft
19 carrier; and

20 (5) the feasibility and budget impact of fulfill-
21 ing the Navy's strategic commitments through the
22 performance of a Service Life Extension Program on
23 the U.S.S. America (CV-66).

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