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[Report No. 105-223]

To extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through 2003, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 18, 1998

Mr. Chafee (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Graham, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, and Mr. Jeffords) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

June 25, 1998 Reported by Mr. Chafee, without amendment

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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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "NRC Fairness in
- 5 Funding Act of 1998".

1	SEC. 2. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ANNUAL
2	CHARGES.
3	Section 6101 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation
4	Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 2214) is amended—
5	(1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking "September
6	30, 1998" and inserting "September 30, 2003"; and
7	(2) in subsection (c)—
8	(A) by striking paragraph (2) and insert
9	ing the following:
10	"(2) Aggregate amount of charges.—The
11	aggregate amount of the annual charges collected
12	from all licensees shall equal an amount that ap-
13	proximates 100 percent of the budget authority of
14	the Commission for the fiscal year for which the
15	charge is collected, less, with respect to the fisca
16	year, the sum of—
17	"(A) any amount appropriated to the Com-
18	mission from the Nuclear Waste Fund;
19	"(B) the amount of fees collected under
20	subsection (b); and
21	"(C) for fiscal year 1999 and each fiscal
22	year thereafter, to the extent provided in para-
23	graph (5), the costs of activities of the Commis
24	sion with respect to which a determination is
25	made under paragraph (5)."; and
26	(B) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(5) Excluded budget costs.—
2	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The rulemaking under
3	paragraph (3) shall include a determination of
4	the costs of activities of the Commission for
5	which it would not be fair and equitable to as-
6	sess annual charges on a Nuclear Regulatory
7	Commission licensee or class of licensee.
8	"(B) Considerations.—In making the
9	determination under subparagraph (A), the
10	Commission shall consider—
11	"(i) the extent to which activities of
12	the Commission provide benefits to persons
13	that are not licensees of the Commission;
14	"(ii) the extent to which the Commis-
15	sion is unable to assess fees or charges on
16	a licensee or class of licensee that benefits
17	from the activities; and
18	"(iii) the extent to which the costs to
19	the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of ac-
20	tivities are commensurate with the benefits
21	provided to the licensees from the activi-
22	ties.
23	"(C) MAXIMUM EXCLUDED COSTS.—The
24	total amount of costs excluded by the Commis-
25	sion pursuant to the determination under sub-

- paragraph (A) shall not exceed \$30,000,000 for
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