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H. R. 6895

To provide for accelerated approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of certain licenses for nuclear power plants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources and Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fast Track Nuclear
5 Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCELERATED APPROVAL PROCEDURES.**

7 The Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall approve or
8 deny an application for a license under section 103 of the

1 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2133) not later
2 than 1 year after receipt of the application if—

3 (1) the application incorporates a facility design
4 that has been approved by the Commission;

5 (2) the facility will be built by a company with
6 a proven history of building safe and efficient power
7 plant facilities; and

8 (3) an appropriate authority from the local ju-
9 risdiction within which the facility is proposed to op-
10 erate has transmitted to the Commission a request
11 for approval of the license application.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFECT OF APPROVAL.**

13 The construction and operation of a facility pursuant
14 to a license approved under section 2 shall not be subject
15 to challenge or delay under the Endangered Species Act,
16 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, or any
17 other Federal or State environmental law.

18 **SEC. 4. INNOVATIVE DESIGN RESEARCH.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
20 retary of Energy such sums as may be necessary for re-
21 search, to be carried out through the Los Alamos and
22 Sandia National Laboratories, on new and innovative de-
23 signs for nuclear facilities that—

24 (1) produce more energy than current designs;

25 (2) reduce output nuclear waste; and

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1 (3) increase safety features.

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