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H. R. 3853

To provide for nuclear weapons abolition and economic conversion in accordance with District of Columbia Initiative Measure Number 37 of 1992, while ensuring environmental restoration and clean-energy conversion.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 “Nuclear Weapons Abo-
5 lition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLI-**
2 **TION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVER-**
3 **SION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Government
5 shall—

6 (1) provide leadership to negotiate and enter
7 into a multilateral treaty or other international
8 agreement by the date that is three years after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act that provides for—

10 (A) the dismantlement and elimination of
11 all nuclear weapons in every country by not
12 later than 2024; and

13 (B) strict and effective international con-
14 trol of such dismantlement and elimination;

15 (2) redirect resources that are being used for
16 nuclear weapons programs to use—

17 (A) in converting all nuclear weapons in-
18 dustry employees, processes, plants, and pro-
19 grams smoothly to constructive, ecologically
20 beneficial peacetime activities, including strict
21 control of all fissile material and radioactive
22 waste, during the period in which nuclear weap-
23 ons must be dismantled and eliminated pursu-
24 ant to the treaty or other international agree-
25 ment described in paragraph (1); and

1 (B) in addressing human and infrastruc-
2 ture needs, including development and deploy-
3 ment of sustainable carbon-free and nuclear-
4 free energy sources, health care, housing, edu-
5 cation, agriculture, and environmental restora-
6 tion, including long-term radioactive waste mon-
7 itoring;

8 (3) undertake vigorous, good-faith efforts to
9 eliminate war, armed conflict, and all military oper-
10 ations; and

11 (4) actively promote policies to induce all other
12 countries to join in the commitments described in
13 this subsection to create a more peaceful and secure
14 world.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a)(2) shall take
16 effect on the date on which the President certifies to Con-
17 gress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have—

18 (1) eliminated such weapons; or

19 (2) begun such elimination under established
20 legal requirements comparable to those described in
21 subsection (a).

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