

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. LAUTENBERG pertaining to the introduction of S. 527 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will stand in recess until 2:15 today.

Thereupon, at 12:54 p.m., the Senate recessed until 2:14 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. COATS].

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT AMENDMENTS—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the time between 2:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. shall be for debate equally divided on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 104, which the clerk will now report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A motion to proceed to the bill (S. 104) to amend the Nuclear Policy Act of 1982.

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have been requested by Senator KENNEDY—and it is my understanding Mr. HATCH has requested of Senator MURKOWSKI—to give 15 minutes of our time to Senator KENNEDY and Senator MURKOWSKI will give 15 minutes to Senator HATCH. I ask unanimous consent for that at this stage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I would like to express appreciation to Senator MURKOWSKI and Senator REID for their willingness to give Senator HATCH and myself an opportunity to introduce our children's health bill. I see my colleague, Senator HATCH, on the floor now. So, I yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. HATCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD and Mr. KERRY pertaining to the introduction of S. 525 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KEMPTHORNE). The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Would the Chair report the matter that is now on the floor?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The matter pending before the Senate is a motion to proceed on S. 104, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, if I could make an inquiry relative to the time we will have on the bill this afternoon.

Mr. REID. It is my understanding that the proponents and opponents have an hour and 15 minutes each, and I say to the chairman of the committee, I was going to speak for about 20 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces that under the previous agreement, an hour and a half is divided. However, 15 minutes from each side has been allocated to the previous speaker, so there is an hour and 15 minutes remaining for each side.

Mr. REID. We both understand that.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I thank the Chair.

Mr. REID. If the chairman of the committee desires to go first, I have no problem.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. The Senator from Nevada should proceed. I went first yesterday. I suspect we will be taking turns.

Mr. REID. I yield myself 20 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as we indicated yesterday, this matter is on the floor for one reason and one reason only. That is the nuclear power industry. That is the reason we are here. There is no other reason. The fact of the matter is that the situation here is the same as it was last year.

What I indicated, Mr. President, yesterday, and it was confirmed by the chairman of the committee, we are not here because of science. We are here because of politics. We underline and we underscore that.

What I said I would do yesterday I want to do today. That is, indicate to the Members of the U.S. Senate that there are approximately 200—I repeat, 200—environmental groups opposed to this legislation. I am not going to read the names of the environmental groups, but I ask unanimous consent the entire number and names of the environmental groups be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CITIZENS GROUPS AGAINST THE BILLS THAT WOULD REPLACE THE CURRENT ACT

Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Greenpeace, League of Conservation Voters, Public Citizen, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Sierra Club, Military Production Network, Natural Resources Defense Council, Office for Church in Society, United Church of Christ, Project on Government Oversight, League of Women Voters of the United States, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, Nuclear Free America, National Ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Nuclear Waste Citizens' Coalition, Safe Energy Communication Council, Friends of the Earth, Citizens Awareness Network, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, 20/20 Vision, Prairie Island Coalition, Environmental Action.

Native Youth Alliance, Nuclear Control Institute, Clearwater, Citizens for Alternatives

to Chemical Contamination, Rocky Mountain Peace Center, Snake River Alliance, Citizen Alert, Redwood Alliance, National Environmental Coalition of Native Americans, Campaign for Nevada's Future, Southwest Research and Information Center, Clean Water Action, Free the Planet, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Kansas Sierra Club, Envirovideo, Kansas Natural Resources Council, Greens/Green Party USA, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Good Money, Inc., Wyoming Outdoor Council, Nuclear Resister, Three Mile Island Alert, Western North Carolina Alliance, GE Stockholders Alliance, The Peace Farm, Tennessee Valley Energy Reform Coalition, C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Northwest Environmental Advocates, Oyster Creek Nuclear Watch, Green Party of Ohio, Grass Roots Environmental Organization, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los Angeles, Alliance to Close Indian Point, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Louisiana, Toledo Coalition for Safe Energy, Wilmington College Peace Resource Center, Grandmothers for Peace, Student Environmental Action Coalition, U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Orange County Greens, U. of Florida Environmental Action Group, Eco-Action, Penn State U., Austin Greens, Student Environmental Action Coalition, U. of Northern Iowa, Los Gatos Unitarian Fellowship.

Alliance for Survival, Nuclear Democracy Network, Stop the Organizations Raping Mankind, Pennsylvania Environmental Network, Heart of America Northwest, Desert Citizens Against Pollution, Eco Sense, American U, California Communities Against Toxics, Nuclear Energy Information Service, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, People's Action for Clean Energy, Iowans for Nuclear Safety, New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Kansas, Student Environmental Action Coalition, U. of Delaware, St. Joseph Valley Greens, Economists Allied for Arms Reduction, Kwanitewk Native Resource Network, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Atlanta, Los Alamos Study Group, Abalone Alliance, Fernald Residents for Environment, Safety & Health, Womens Action for New Directions, STAND, Center for Energy Research, Humans Against Nuclear Waste Dumps, Mescalero, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Colorado, American Friends Service Committee, Denver, North American Water Office, Students for Social Responsibility, CalPoly, War & Peace Foundation, North Carolina Waste Awareness & Reduction Network, Ohio Sierra Club Nuclear Issues Committee, Downwinders, Women's Environment & Development Organization, Mississippi River Basin Alliance, Ygdrasil Institute, Nukewatch, WESPAC (Westchester People's Action Coalition), Oregon Peace Works, San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace, International Institute of Concern for Public Health, Save Ward Valley, GRACE Public Fund (Global Resource Action Center for the Environment), Environmental Defense Institute, Citizens Regulatory Commission, The ZHABA Collective, Northwest Ohio Greens, Arizona Safe Energy Coalition, Indian Point Project, No Escape, Citizens at Risk: Cape Cod, E-3, Wesleyan University, Wolf Creek Citizens Watchdog Group, Indigenous Environmental Network, Pax Christi USA, University of Maine Student Government.

The cities of Los Angeles, Denver, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Decatur, GA, Mt. Rainier, Takoma Park & Greenbelt, MD, Beacon NY, Falls Township, PA, Amherst, MA, Wadesboro, NC and Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara (CA), Marshall, Anson (NC), and Bucks (PA) counties.

And, according to a December 1995 poll, 70% of the American people.