

property and interests in property of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

- to operate in such industries in the North Korean economy as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, such as transportation, mining, energy, or financial services;

- to have sold, supplied, transferred, or purchased, directly or indirectly, to or from North Korea or any person acting for or on behalf of the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea, metal, graphite, coal, or software, where any revenue or goods received may benefit the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea, including North Korea's nuclear or ballistic missile programs;

- to have engaged in, facilitated, or been responsible for an abuse or violation of human rights by the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea or any person acting for or on behalf of either such entity;

- to have engaged in, facilitated, or been responsible for the exportation of workers from North Korea, including exportation to generate revenue for the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea;

- to have engaged in significant activities undermining cybersecurity through the use of computer networks or systems against targets outside of North Korea on behalf of the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea;

- to have engaged in, facilitated, or been responsible for censorship by the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea;

- to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order;

- to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; or

- to have attempted to engage in any of the activities described above.

In addition, the order prohibits:

- the exportation of goods, services, and technology to North Korea;

- new investment in North Korea; and

- the approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee of such exports and investments.

Finally, the order suspends entry into the United States of any alien determined to meet one or more of the above criteria.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be nec-

essary to carry out the purposes of the order. All executive agencies are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 15, 2016.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2081. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam.

H.R. 3447. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

H.R. 3797. An act to establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations and allocations for existing electric utility steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3797. An act to establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations and allocations for existing electric utility steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2686. A bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2081. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam.

H.R. 3447. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4696. A communication from the Acting Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conservation Stewardship Program" (RIN0578-AA63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4697. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Mark I. Fox, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4698. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4699. A communication from the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the October 2015 Quarterly Report to Congress of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4700. A communication from the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the January 2016 Quarterly Report to Congress of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4701. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4702. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Final Report to Congress on the Community First Choice State Plan Benefit"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4703. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Guidance and Transition Relief" (Notice 2016-22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4704. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program Eleventh Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4705. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2016-0350); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4706. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2016-0352); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4707. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,

pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2016-0351); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4708. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on mining activities as required by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4709. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drugs for Use in Animal Feeds; Removal of Obsolete and Redundant Regulations" (Docket No. FDA-2003-N-0446) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4710. A communication from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2015 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4711. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4712. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2015 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4713. A communication from the Executive Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4714. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rights-of-Way on Indian Land" (RIN1076-AF20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4715. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Office of Refugee Resettlement: Annual Report to Congress, FY 2014"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4716. A communication from the Supervisory Regulations Specialist, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving and Expanding Training Opportunities for F-1 Nonimmigrant Students with STEM Degrees and Cap-Gap Relief for All Eligible F-1 Students" (RIN1653-AA72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4717. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Counsel, Small Business Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4718. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vet Centers" (RIN2900-AP21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4719. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Transportation Service" (RIN2900-AO92) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4720. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicants for VA Memorialization Benefits" (RIN2900-AO95) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4721. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Loess Hills Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4722. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Willamette Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4723. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Witt-Penn Bridge Construction, Hackensack River; Jersey City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-1008)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4724. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delaware River; Marcus Hook, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0998)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4725. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Great Egg Harbor Bay; Somers Point, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-1031)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4726. A communication from the Acting Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bu-

reau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 224 of the Act A National Broadband Plan for Our Future" ((RIN3060-AJ64) (FCC 15-151)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4727. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Amtrak's Executive Level 1 salary for 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4728. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities" (RIN3064-AE21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4729. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4730. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report related to the Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4731. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transmission Operations Reliability Standards and Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM15-16-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4732. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Third-Party Provision of Primary Frequency Response Service" ((RIN1902-AE96) (Docket No. RM15-2-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4733. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Emergency Operations Reliability Standards; Revisions to Undervoltage Load Shedding Reliability Standards; Revisions to the Definition of 'Remedial Action Scheme' and Related Reliability Standards" ((RIN1902-AF06) (Docket Nos. RM15-7-000, RM15-12-000, and RM15-13-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4734. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM15-14-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4735. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Clean Watersheds Needs Survey 2012 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4736. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Medicare Patient Intravenous Immunoglobulin Demonstration Project: Interim Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4737. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, nine (9) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of State, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4738. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4739. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4740. A communication from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2015 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4741. A communication from the Director of the Office of Financial Reporting and Policy, Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2015 Agency Financial Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4742. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4743. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial integrity for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4744. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2015 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4745. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4746. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4747. A joint communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents and Toxins for Calendar Year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4748. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3375-EM in the State of Michigan having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4749. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 17, 2015, session and September 9, 2015, session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4750. A communication from the Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to 47 CFR Part 301 to Implement Certain Provisions of the Spectrum Pipeline Act" (RIN0660-AA31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4751. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: NASA Capitalization Threshold" (RIN2700-AE23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-135. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to enact legislation to repeal the health insurance tax; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2001

Whereas, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) and section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-152) impose an unprecedented new tax on health insurance that numerous policy experts agree will be passed on to individuals, working families, small employers and seniors, contradicting a primary goal of health reform by making care more expensive; and

Whereas, the health insurance tax will cause premiums on the individual market to rise an average of \$2,150 for individuals and \$5,080 for families nationally over a ten-year period, will increase premiums in Arizona by an average of \$1,964 over ten years and will increase premiums for families in Arizona over \$3,958 over ten years; and

Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact small employers over the next ten years by reducing future private sector jobs by 125,000, with 59% of these reductions affecting small businesses, and reducing potential sales by at least \$18 billion, with 50% affecting small businesses; and

Whereas, the health insurance tax will increase premiums for small employers in Arizona by an average of \$2,674 per employee over ten years and for large employers by an average of \$2,645 per employee over ten years; and

Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact Medicare Advantage beneficiaries in Arizona by costing an average of \$3,303 more in premiums and reduced benefits over ten years; and

Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact Medicaid beneficiaries in Arizona who are enrolled in a coordinated care program by costing an average of \$1,337 over ten years, putting pressure on already strained state budgets, decreasing benefits and potentially creating coverage disruption; and

Whereas, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain insurance coverage, particularly younger, healthier people who are likely to drop their policy if it becomes too expensive, which would further erode the risk pool and make coverage even less affordable.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress enact legislation to repeal the health insurance tax, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, to make health care more affordable for working families, individuals and businesses.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-136. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to appropriate funds from the Nuclear Waste Fund for the establishment of a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste or reimburse electric utility customers who paid into the fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, The nuclear power industry needs a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste produced by reactors. Nuclear power plays a vital role in meeting our nation's current and future energy needs. However, the failure to construct a permanent repository severely impedes efforts to construct new power plants to provide clean and reliable base load power; and

Whereas, Over the last 30 years, the nuclear power industry and its customers have paid the federal government billions of dollars to construct a permanent repository. Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, the U.S. Congress established the Nuclear Waste Fund to collect money for the repository. Revenue to the fund came from mandatory fees assessed on all nuclear energy. Since 1983, customers of Michigan electric utilities alone have paid \$812 million into the fund for construction of the repository; and

Whereas, A permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste has not been established and constructed. More than 2,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel from power plants continue to accumulate at temporary and potentially vulnerable sites across the nation,