

H.R.1334 -- Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2011

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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

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.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2011'.

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVERSION.

- (a) In General- The United States Government shall--
- (1) by the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, provide leadership to negotiate a multilateral treaty or other international agreement that provides for--
 - (A) the dismantlement and elimination of all nuclear weapons in every country by not later than 2020; and
 - (B) strict and effective international control of such dismantlement and elimination;

(more)

- (2) redirect resources that are being used for nuclear weapons programs to use--
 - (A) in converting all nuclear weapons industry employees, processes, plants, and programs smoothly to constructive, ecologically beneficial peacetime activities, including strict control of all fissile material and radioactive waste, during the period in which nuclear weapons must be dismantled and eliminated pursuant to the treaty or other international agreement described in paragraph (1); and
 - (B) in addressing human and infrastructure needs, including development and deployment of sustainable carbon-free and nuclear-free energy sources, health care, housing, education, agriculture, and environmental restoration, including long-term radioactive waste monitoring;
- (3) undertake vigorous, good-faith efforts to eliminate war, armed conflict, and all military operations; and
- (4) actively promote policies to induce all other countries to join in the commitments described in this subsection to create a more peaceful and secure world.

(b) Effective Date- Subsection (a)(2) shall take effect on the date on which the President certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have--

- (1) eliminated such weapons; or
- (2) begun such elimination under established legal requirements comparable to those described in subsection (a).

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On April 1, 2011, Washington DC’s Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton issued a press release: “**Today, I am introducing the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2011**, a version of which I have introduced since 1994, after working with the District of Columbia residents who were responsible for the Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion ballot initiative passed by D.C. voters in 1993.

“This version of the bill now requires the United States to negotiate an international agreement to disable and dismantle [all] nuclear weapons by 2020, and provides for strict control of fissile material and radioactive waste and for use of nuclear free [and carbon-free] energy resources. The bill continues to provide that the funds used for nuclear weapons programs be redirected towards human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care, Social Security and the environment.

“The bill is particularly timely as Congress continues to make cuts to important human and infrastructure programs and as the world confronts nuclear catastrophe in Japan.... It is painfully ironic that the one country that has been attacked with nuclear weapons is now struggling to control its own nuclear capability after the plant meltdown. The U.S. has an obligation to lead in ridding the world of nuclear weapons.”

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