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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 Waste In-  
5 formed Consent Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act, the terms “affected Indian tribe”, “af-  
3 fected unit of local government”, “high-level radioactive  
4 waste”, “repository”, “Secretary”, “spent nuclear fuel”,  
5 and “unit of general local government” have the meanings  
6 given the terms in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy  
7 Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101).

8 **SEC. 3. CONSENT-BASED APPROVAL.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not make an  
10 expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund established  
11 under section 302(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of  
12 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10222(c)) for the costs of the activities  
13 described in paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 302(d) of  
14 that Act (42 U.S.C. 10222(d)) unless the Secretary has  
15 entered into an agreement for a repository with—

16 (1) the Governor of the State in which the re-  
17 pository is proposed to be located;

18 (2) each affected unit of local government;

19 (3) any unit of general local government contig-  
20 uous to the affected unit of local government if  
21 spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste will  
22 be transported through that unit of general local  
23 government for disposal at the repository; and

24 (4) each affected Indian tribe.

25 (b) CONDITIONS ON AGREEMENT.—Any agreement  
26 for a repository under this Act—

- 1 (1) shall be in writing and signed by all parties;
- 2 (2) shall be binding on the parties; and
- 3 (3) shall not be amended or revoked except by
- 4 mutual agreement of the parties.