

Evans	Lofgren	Rodriguez
Farr	Luther	Roemer
Fattah	Maloney (CT)	Rothman
Fazio	Manton	Rush
Frank (MA)	Markey	Sabo
Frost	Martinez	Sanchez
Furse	Mascara	Sanders
Gejdenson	Matsui	Sanford
Gephardt	McCarthy (MO)	Sawyer
Goode	McCarthy (NY)	Schaffer, Bob
Goodlatte	McDermott	Scott
Gordon	McGovern	Sensenbrenner
Green	McInnis	Serrano
Gutierrez	McIntyre	Sherman
Gutknecht	McKinney	Skaggs
Hall (OH)	Meehan	Skelton
Hamilton	Meek (FL)	Slaughter
Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Smith (NJ)
Hayworth	Menendez	Smith, Adam
Hefley	Millender	Smith, Linda
Hefner	McDonald	Snyder
Herger	Miller (CA)	Spratt
Hilleary	Minge	Stabenow
Hilliard	Mink	Stark
Hinchey	Moakley	Stenholm
Hinojosa	Mollohan	Stokes
Holden	Moran (KS)	Strickland
Hostettler	Moran (VA)	Stump
Inglis	Murtha	Stupak
Jackson (IL)	Nadler	Tanner
Jackson-Lee	Neal	Tauscher
(TX)	Neumann	Taylor (MS)
Jefferson	Ney	Thompson
Johnson (WI)	Oberstar	Thurman
Johnson, E. B.	Obey	Tiahrt
Jones	Olver	Tierney
Kanjorski	Owens	Torres
Kaptur	Pallone	Towns
Kennedy (MA)	Pappas	Trafficant
Kennedy (RI)	Pascrell	Turner
Kildee	Paul	Velazquez
Kilpatrick	Payne	Vento
Kind (WI)	Pelosi	Waters
Klecza	Peterson (MN)	Watt (NC)
Klink	Petri	Waxman
Kucinich	Pomeroy	Wexler
LaFalce	Poshard	Weygand
Lantos	Rahall	Wise
LaTourette	Ramstad	Woolsey
Lee	Rangel	Wynn
Levin	Reyes	
Lipinski	Rivers	

NOT VOTING—14

Clayton	John	Ortiz
Filner	Kennelly	Parker
Ford	Lewis (GA)	Royal-Allard
Gonzalez	McDade	Yates
Hill	McNulty	

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The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. ORTIZ for, with Mr. FILNER against.

Messrs. EVANS, LEVIN, McINTYRE, GEPHARDT, HINOJOSA, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. FURSE, Messrs. CUMMINGS, STRICKLAND, MORAN of Virginia, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Messrs. TANNER, HEFNER, SPRATT, CLEMENT, CARDIN and WYNN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. PITTS, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, BACHUS, CUNNINGHAM, COLLINS, HYDE, SOLOMON, SOUDER, EVERETT, REDMOND, BURTON of Indiana, KING, HOEKSTRA, CHRISTENSEN, ENSIGN, BILIRAKIS, METCALF, LAHOOD, BUYER, FOSSELLA, HUNTER, PORTMAN, HALL of Texas, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Messrs. RYUN, LEWIS of Kentucky, CHABOT, WELDON of Pennsylvania, DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, SCARBOROUGH, ROGAN, SHADEGG, CRAPO, STEARNS, CANNON, RILEY, McINTOSH and Mr. CANADY of Florida changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 4104, TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 4104, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross-references, and make other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 283 through 287 yesterday and today. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 286 and 287, and voted "nay" on rollcall votes 283, 284 and 285.

□ 2215

STEVE SCHIFF AUDITORIUM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The unfinished business is the question of passage of the bill, H.R. 3731 on which further proceedings were postponed on Wednesday, July 15, 1998. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No 294]

YEAS—409

Abercrombie	Boehrlert	Chambliss
Ackerman	Boehner	Chenoweth
Aderholt	Boniilla	Christensen
Allen	Bonior	Clay
Andrews	Bono	Clement
Archer	Borski	Clyburn
Armey	Boswell	Coble
Bachus	Boucher	Coburn
Baesler	Boyd	Collins
Baker	Brady (PA)	Combest
Baldacci	Brady (TX)	Condit
Ballenger	Brown (CA)	Conyers
Barcia	Brown (FL)	Cook
Barr	Brown (OH)	Cooksey
Barrett (NE)	Bryant	Costello
Barrett (WI)	Bunning	Cox
Bartlett	Burr	Coyne
Barton	Burton	Cramer
Bass	Buyer	Crane
Becerra	Callahan	Crapo
Bentsen	Calvert	Cubin
Bereuter	Camp	Cummings
Berry	Campbell	Cunningham
Bilbray	Canady	Danner
Bilirakis	Cannon	Davis (FL)
Bishop	Capps	Davis (IL)
Blagojevich	Cardin	Davis (VA)
Bliley	Carson	Deal
Blumenauer	Castle	DeFazio
Blunt	Chabot	DeGette

Delahunt	Jones	Pease
DeLauro	Kanjorski	Pelosi
DeLay	Kaptur	Peterson (MN)
Deutsch	Kasich	Peterson (PA)
Diaz-Balart	Kelly	Petri
Dickey	Kennedy (MA)	Pickering
Dicks	Kennedy (RI)	Pickett
Dingell	Kildee	Pitts
Dixon	Kilpatrick	Pombo
Doggett	Kim	Pomeroy
Doolittle	Kind (WI)	Porter
Doyle	King (NY)	Portman
Dreier	Kingston	Poshard
Duncan	Klecza	Price (NC)
Dunn	Klug	Pryce (OH)
Edwards	Knollenberg	Quinn
Ehlers	Kolbe	Radanovich
Ehrlich	Kucinich	Rahall
Emerson	LaFalce	Ramstad
Engel	LaHood	Rangel
English	Lampson	Redmond
Ensign	Lantos	Reyes
Eshoo	Largent	Riggs
Etheridge	Latham	Riley
Evans	LaTourette	Rivers
Everett	Lazio	Rodriguez
Ewing	Leach	Roemer
Farr	Lee	Rogan
Fattah	Levin	Rogers
Fawell	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher
Fazio	Lewis (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Foley	Linder	Rothman
Forbes	Lipinski	Roukema
Fossella	Livingston	Royce
Fowler	LoBiondo	Rush
Fox	Lofgren	Ryun
Frank (MA)	Lowey	Sabo
Franks (NJ)	Lucas	Sanchez
Frelinghuysen	Luther	Sanders
Frost	Maloney (CT)	Sandlin
Furse	Maloney (NY)	Sanford
Gallely	Manton	Sawyer
Ganske	Manzullo	Saxton
Gejdenson	Markey	Scarborough
Gekas	Mascara	Schaefer, Dan
Gephardt	Matsui	Schaffer, Bob
Gibbons	McCarthy (MO)	Schumer
Gilchrest	McCarthy (NY)	Scott
Gillmor	McCollum	Sensenbrenner
Gilman	McCrery	Serrano
Gingrich	McDermott	Sessions
Goode	McGovern	Shadegg
Goodlatte	McHale	Shaw
Goodling	McHugh	Shays
Gordon	McInnis	Sherman
Goss	McIntosh	Shimkus
Graham	McIntyre	Sisisky
Granger	McKeon	Skaggs
Green	McKinney	Skeen
Greenwood	Meehan	Skelton
Gutierrez	Meek (FL)	Slaughter
Gutknecht	Meeks (NY)	Smith (MI)
Hall (OH)	Menendez	Smith (TX)
Hall (TX)	Metcalf	Smith, Adam
Hamilton	Mica	Smith, Linda
Hansen	Millender	Snowbarger
Hastert	McDonald	Snyder
Hastings (FL)	Miller (CA)	Solomon
Hastings (WA)	Miller (FL)	Souder
Hayworth	Minge	Spence
Hefley	Mink	Spratt
Hefner	Moakley	Stabenow
Herger	Mollohan	Stark
Hilleary	Moran (KS)	Stearns
Hilliard	Moran (VA)	Stenholm
Hinchey	Morella	Stokes
Hinojosa	Murtha	Strickland
Hobson	Myrick	Stump
Hoekstra	Nadler	Stupak
Holden	Neal	Sununu
Hooley	Nethercutt	Talent
Horn	Neumann	Tanner
Hostettler	Ney	Tauscher
Houghton	Northup	Tauzin
Hoyer	Norwood	Taylor (MS)
Hulshof	Nussle	Taylor (NC)
Hunter	Oberstar	Thomas
Hutchinson	Obey	Thompson
Hyde	Olver	Thornberry
Inglis	Owens	Thune
Istook	Oxley	Thurman
Jackson (IL)	Packard	Tiahrt
Jackson-Lee	Pallone	Tierney
(TX)	Pappas	Torres
Jefferson	Pascrell	Towns
Jenkins	Pastor	Trafficant
Johnson (WI)	Paul	Turner
Johnson, E. B.	Paxon	Upton
Johnson, Sam	Payne	Velazquez

Vento	Waxman	Wicker
Visclosky	Weldon (FL)	Wilson
Walsh	Weldon (PA)	Wise
Wamp	Weller	Wolf
Waters	Wexler	Woolsey
Watkins	Weygand	Wynn
Watt (NC)	White	Young (AK)
Watts (OK)	Whitfield	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—26

Bateman	John	Parker
Berman	Johnson (CT)	Regula
Clayton	Kennelly	Roybal-Allard
Dooley	Klink	Salmon
Filner	Lewis (GA)	Shuster
Ford	Martinez	Smith (NJ)
Gonzalez	McDade	Smith (OR)
Harman	McNulty	Yates
Hill	Ortiz	

□ 2224

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 629, TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT CON- SENT ACT

Mr. BLILEY submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 629) to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 105-630)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 629), to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act".

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDING.

The Congress finds that the compact set forth in section 5 is in furtherance of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 2021b et seq.).

SEC. 3. CONDITIONS OF CONSENT TO COMPACT.

The consent of the Congress to the compact set forth in section 5—

(1) shall become effective on the date of the enactment of this Act;

(2) is granted subject to the provisions of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 2021b et seq.); and

(3) is granted only for so long as the regional commission established in the compact complies with all of the provisions of such Act.

SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.

The Congress may alter, amend, or repeal this Act with respect to the compact set forth in section 5 after the expiration of the 10-year period following the date of the enactment of this Act, and at such intervals thereafter as may be provided in such compact.

SEC. 5. TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMPACT.

(a) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—In accordance with section 4(a)(2) of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 2021d(a)(2)),

the consent of Congress is given to the States of Texas, Maine, and Vermont to enter into the compact set forth in subsection (b).

(b) TEXT OF COMPACT.—The compact reads substantially as follows:

"TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT

"ARTICLE I. POLICY AND PURPOSE

"SEC. 1.01. The party states recognize a responsibility for each state to seek to manage low-level radioactive waste generated within its boundaries, pursuant to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act, as amended by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985 (42 U.S.C. 2021b-2021j). They also recognize that the United States Congress, by enacting the Act, has authorized and encouraged states to enter into compacts for the efficient management and disposal of low-level radioactive waste. It is the policy of the party states to cooperate in the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens and the environment and to provide for and encourage the economical management and disposal of low-level radioactive waste. It is the purpose of this compact to provide the framework for such a cooperative effort; to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and the environment of the party states; to limit the number of facilities needed to effectively, efficiently, and economically manage low-level radioactive waste and to encourage the reduction of the generation thereof; and to distribute the costs, benefits, and obligations among the party states; all in accordance with the terms of this compact.

"ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

"SEC. 2.01. As used in this compact, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

"(1) 'Act' means the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act, as amended by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985 (42 U.S.C. 2021b-2021j).

"(2) 'Commission' means the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission established in Article III of this compact.

"(3) 'Compact facility' or 'facility' means any site, location, structure, or property located in and provided by the host state for the purpose of management or disposal of low-level radioactive waste for which the party states are responsible.

"(4) 'Disposal' means the permanent isolation of low-level radioactive waste pursuant to requirements established by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the United States Environmental Protection Agency under applicable laws, or by the host state, means to produce low-level radioactive waste.

"(6) 'Generator' means a person who produces or processes low-level radioactive waste in the course of its activities, excluding persons who arrange for the collection, transportation, management, treatment, storage, or disposal of waste generated outside the party states, unless approved by the commission.

"(7) 'Host county' means a county in the host state in which a disposal facility is located or is being developed.

"(8) 'Host state' means a party state in which a compact facility is located or is being developed. The State of Texas is the host state under this compact.

"(9) 'Institutional control period' means that period of time following closure of the facility and transfer of the facility license from the operator to the custodial agency in compliance with the appropriate regulations for long-term observation and maintenance.

"(10) 'Low-level radioactive waste' has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 2(9) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 2021b(9)), or in the host state statute so long as the waste is not incompatible with management and disposal at the compact facility.

"(11) 'Management' means collection, consolidation, storage, packaging, or treatment.

"(12) 'Operator' means a person who operates a disposal facility.

"(13) 'Party state' means any state that has become a party in accordance with Article VII of this compact. Texas, Maine, and Vermont are initial party states under this compact.

"(14) 'Person' means an individual, corporation, partnership or other legal entity, whether public or private.

"(15) 'Transporter' means a person who transports low-level radioactive waste.

"ARTICLE III. THE COMMISSION

"SEC. 3.01. There is hereby established the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission. The commission shall consist of one voting member from each party state except that the host state shall be entitled to six voting members. Commission members shall be appointed by the party state governors, as provided by the laws of each party state. Each party state may provide alternates for each appointed member.

"SEC. 3.02. A quorum of the commission consists of a majority of the members. Except as otherwise provided in this compact, an official act of the commission must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of its members.

"SEC. 3.03. The commission is a legal entity separate and distinct from the party states and has governmental immunity to the same extent as an entity created under the authority of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution. Members of the commission shall not be personally liable for actions taken in their official capacity. The liabilities of the commission shall not be deemed liabilities of the party states.

"SEC. 3.04. The commission shall:

"(1) Compensate its members according to the host state's law.

"(2) Conduct its business, hold meetings, and maintain public records pursuant to laws of the host state, except that notice of public meetings shall be given in the non-host party states in accordance with their respective statutes.

"(3) Be located in the capital city of the host state.

"(4) Meet at least once a year and upon the call of the chair, or any member. The governor of the host state shall appoint a chair and vice-chair.

"(5) Keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. An annual audit of the books of the commission shall be conducted by an independent certified public accountant, and the audit report shall be made a part of the annual report of the commission.

"(6) Approve a budget each year and establish a fiscal year that conforms to the fiscal year of the host state.

"(7) Prepare, adopt, and implement contingency plans for the disposal and management of low-level radioactive waste in the event that the compact facility should be closed. Any plan which requires the host state to store or otherwise manage the low-level radioactive waste from all the party states must be approved by at least four host state members of the commission. The commission, in a contingency plan or otherwise, may not require a non-host party state to store low-level radioactive waste generated outside of the state.

"(8) Submit communications to the governors and to the presiding officers of the legislatures of the party states regarding the activities of the commission, including an annual report to be submitted on or before January 31 of each year.

"(9) Assemble and make available to the party states, and to the public, information concerning low-level radioactive waste management needs, technologies, and problems.

"(10) Keep a current inventory of all generators within the party states, based upon information provided by the party states.

"(11) By no later than 180 days after all members of the commission are appointed under Section 3.01 of this article, establish by rule the total volume of low-level radioactive waste that