

HR 4979

Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sep 13, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 12, 2016
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		May 12, 2016
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		May 16, 2016
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		May 16, 2016
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 16, 2016
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 16, 2016
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		May 16, 2016
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 16, 2016
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		May 16, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		May 17, 2016
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		May 17, 2016
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		May 18, 2016
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 18, 2016
Rep. Guinta, Frank C. [R-NH-1]	R · NH		May 25, 2016
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jun 15, 2016
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jul 5, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	May 12, 2016
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 13, 2016
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 12, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 12, 2016)

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(Sec. 4) This bill requires the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to enter into a memorandum of understanding to:

- ensure that DOE has sufficient technical expertise to support the civilian nuclear industry's timely development and commercial deployment of safe, innovative advanced reactor technology;
- ensure that the NRC has sufficient technical expertise to support the evaluation of requests for regulatory approval for advanced reactors;
- use computers and software codes to calculate the behavior and performance of advanced reactors based on mathematical models of their physical behavior; and
- ensure that the DOE maintains and develops the facilities to support the civilian nuclear industry's timely development and commercial deployment of safe, innovative reactor technology and that the NRC has access to such facilities, as needed.

(Sec. 5) DOE must submit a report to Congress within 180 days evaluating activities intended to facilitate the testing and demonstration of advanced reactors on DOE land and facilities and the potential for DOE to test and demonstrate on private land. The report must be updated and re-submitted to Congress every two years. Additionally, the report shall address certain issues including safety, cost, liability, facility siting, and options to regulate the advanced reactors.

(Sec. 6) The NRC must develop a plan within one year to implement a regulatory framework for licensing advanced nuclear reactors. The plan shall include options to expedite and streamline the licensing process for advanced reactors, cost estimates, budgets, and specific milestones for implementing the framework by the end of FY2019.

(Sec. 7) This bill also amends the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 to require that the aggregate amount of fees collected by the NRC from licensees and certificate holders in a fiscal year be decreased by the amount of appropriations for activities related to the development of regulatory infrastructure for advanced nuclear reactor technologies.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 13, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-737, Part I.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Committee on Science, Space, and Technology discharged.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 573.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Mr. Burgess moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5305-5308)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4979.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5305-5306)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5305-5306)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 17, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 12, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 12, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **May 11, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 22, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.