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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, APRIL 29, 1980

In the House of Representatives, March 18, 1980

1 WHEREAS, The House Select Committee - TMI learned that there
2 was a serious deficiency of trained Nuclear Regulatory
3 Commission personnel at the TMI site at the time of the incident
4 to handle the fast moving events which occurred and that the
5 utility operating personnel were not trained to handle an
6 incident of the type which occurred; and

7 WHEREAS, The committee also learned that an incident of
8 similar nature had recently occurred at a nuclear power plant in
9 Ohio and that it was the opinion that the dissemination of
10 information on the incident could possibly have minimized the
11 effects of the TMI incident; and

12 WHEREAS, The committee learned that the operating controls
13 and visual instrumentation in the control room of TMI Unit 2
14 were designed and placed in such a manner that the operators on
15 duty at the time of the incident did not have immediate visual
16 or manual access to the necessary controls and instrumentation;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The committee feels that the operation of a nuclear
3 power plant requires highly trained operating personnel because
4 of the nature of and the dangers associated with nuclear energy;
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Nuclear
7 Regulatory Commission to provide, at each operating nuclear
8 power plant, a continuous team of personnel trained in the
9 individual plant characteristics and emergency procedures and
10 that these personnel have the communications facilities
11 necessary to immediately be in contact with appropriate
12 officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the case of
13 accident; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Nuclear
15 Regulatory Commission to immediately review its procedures for
16 the dissemination of information, reports and corrective actions
17 taken at any facility as a result of operational malfunction
18 among all operating nuclear power plants under its jurisdiction;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Nuclear
21 Regulatory Commission to review operation room physical
22 configurations to assure that operating personnel will have
23 immediate, direct access to all controls and instrumentation
24 necessary to properly respond to operating difficulties and
25 equipment malfunctions; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REQUESTS THE
27 CHAIRMAN OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO INDICATE TO THE
28 CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THREE MILE ISLAND, IN
29 WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS
30 RESOLUTION, THE STATUS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN;

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1 AND BE IT FURTHER

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
3 the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.