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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,
JANUARY 27, 1981

In the House of Representatives, January 27, 1981

1 WHEREAS, The development of nuclear power has been an
2 accepted alternate method of meeting a part of our Nation's
3 energy requirements; and

4 WHEREAS, The Three Mile Island nuclear power plant was
5 planned, designed, built, operated and regulated almost
6 exclusively by various agencies of the Federal Government,
7 including its Atomic Energy Commission, Energy Research and
8 Development Administration, Federal Energy Administration,
9 Federal Power Commission, Department of Energy and Nuclear
10 Regulatory Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, An accident on March 28, 1979, at the Three Mile
12 Island facility caused the shutdown of the facility and the
13 necessity of purchasing large amounts of replacement energy for
14 the people formerly served by the facility; and

15 WHEREAS, The costs attendant with the accident and repair of
16 the facility and replacement of fuel promises to be many

1 millions of dollars; and

2 WHEREAS: The potential environmental consequences and costs
3 of the accident are yet unknown; and

4 WHEREAS, The owners and consumers of the Three Mile Island
5 facility are not able to assume such costs by themselves without
6 causing severe economic disaster and dislocation to themselves
7 and the Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, It is in the Nation's interest to ensure the
9 equitable distribution of the risks attendant with the
10 development of nuclear power particularly since the burden of
11 the costs of the accident, including cleanup and fuel
12 replacement costs, pose serious economic consequences for the
13 Commonwealth; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED (the Senate of Pennsylvania concurring), That
15 whereas the Federal Government has accepted the major
16 responsibility for encouraging the creation and development of
17 the nuclear power industry, the Federal Government, then, should
18 be responsible for carrying the major share of the costs
19 relating to the Three Mile Island accident; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly respectfully petitions
21 Congress to appropriate Federal impact aid to pay for
22 replacement fuel costs due to the shutdown of the Three Mile
23 Island plant and for the cleanup and repair of the damaged
24 facility; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
27 the President of the Senate and the appropriate committee
28 chairmen in the House and Senate of the United States Congress.