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In the House of Representatives, March 16, 1977

1       The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
2       Pennsylvania calls upon the President and the Congress of the  
3       United States to reject any suggestion of reducing the support  
4       by the Federal Government for nuclear energy development.

5       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
6       Pennsylvania believes that the Nation's security and future  
7       well-being depends upon the availability of jobs and energy; and

8       WHEREAS, The availability of industrial employment depends  
9       upon the development of new sources of energy capable of  
10      providing increased productivity; and

11      WHEREAS, The living conditions for all of the American people  
12      are directly related to an abundance of energy for their  
13      comfort, convenience and mobility; and

14      WHEREAS, Electricity is the most flexible mode for  
15      distributing energy; and

16      WHEREAS, The electric utility industry is depending upon  
17      nuclear energy for fulfilling its vital functions; and

1       WHEREAS, The United States Energy Research and Development  
2 Administration is revising its fiscal year 1978 budget request;  
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4       WHEREAS, The Energy Research and Development Administration  
5 is considering cutting back its funding for development of the  
6 fast breeder nuclear reactor and nuclear fusion power; and

7       WHEREAS, Such cuts, \$199,000,000 from the fast breeder  
8 reactor and \$80,000,000 from nuclear fusion, will delay the  
9 development and, therefore, could adversely affect our future  
10 critical supply of electricity; and

11       WHEREAS, Such economics represent only 4/10ths of 1% of the  
12 anticipated total Federal budget deficit for the fiscal year;  
13 therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania calls upon the President and the  
16 Congress of the United States to insure that adequate funding  
17 exists for the timely development and commercialization of these  
18 energy sources; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That they reject any suggestion of reducing the  
20 support by the Federal Government for nuclear energy  
21 development; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 the President of the United States, his assistant for energy  
24 matters, the presiding officers and members of the Senate and  
25 House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States  
26 and to the Administrator of the United States Energy Research  
27 and Development Administration.