

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 3053
OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO**

At the end of title VI, add the following section:

1 **SEC. 609. NATIONAL ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY CES-**
2 **SATION MITIGATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The markets for electrical generation are
5 rapidly evolving due to the very low cost of natural
6 gas such that many nuclear power plants are no
7 longer economically competitive.

8 (2) Over the past five years, eighteen nuclear
9 power plants have permanently closed or have an-
10 nounced plans to close.

11 (3) The impact of closure of a nuclear power
12 plant on the affected local economies due to the po-
13 tential loss of jobs and the tax base can be severe.

14 (4) Closure of a nuclear power plant typically
15 means the loss of 400 to 700 highly paid workers,
16 and for every 100 nuclear power plant jobs, approxi-
17 mately 66 more jobs are estimated to be created in
18 the local community.

1 (5) A typical reactor has estimated wages for
2 workers of \$40 million annually.

3 (6) Nuclear power plants are among the largest
4 taxpayers in the jurisdictions in which they are
5 sited, typically contributing tens of millions of dol-
6 lars in local taxes.

7 (7) When calculating the total tax impact (di-
8 rect and secondary), nuclear power plants provide
9 over \$100 million in tax revenue each year to the
10 local and State governments.

11 (8) The closure of nuclear power plants causes
12 significant negative impacts to the GDPs of the af-
13 fected States.

14 (b) NATIONAL ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY
15 CESSATION MITIGATION PROGRAM.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of En-
17 ergy shall establish and carry out a program to be
18 known as the “National Electric Generation Facility
19 Cessation Mitigation Program” (in this section re-
20 ferred to as the “Program”) to provide financial as-
21 sistance to units of local government impacted by
22 the cessation of operations of nuclear electric gen-
23 eration facilities.

24 (2) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—In this
25 section, a unit of local government includes a coun-

1 ty, city, town, village, school district, and special dis-
2 trict.

3 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive fi-
4 nancial assistance under this section, a unit of local
5 government shall submit to the Secretary of Energy
6 an application that includes documentation that—

7 (A) on or after January 1, 2015, and prior
8 to January 1, 2025, a nuclear electric genera-
9 tion facility within its jurisdiction ceased elec-
10 tric generation and is no longer able to partici-
11 pate in the electric generation markets within
12 the United States;

13 (B) as a result of such cessation, the unit
14 of local government has experienced at least a
15 20 percent reduction in taxes received; and

16 (C) spent nuclear fuel is stored at the site
17 of such nuclear electric generation facility.

18 (4) ASSISTANCE.—Subject to amounts made
19 available in advance in appropriations Acts, assist-
20 ance provided under this section to a unit of local
21 government—

22 (A) for the first year for which assistance
23 is so provided, shall be equal to not more than
24 80 percent of the unit of local government's
25 total reduction in taxes received for the year as

1 a result of cessation of electric generation by a
2 nuclear electric generation facility within its ju-
3 risdiction; and

4 (B) for each year thereafter, shall decrease
5 by 10 percent until the unit of local government
6 is no longer eligible for payments with respect
7 to the applicable facility under the Program.

