

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 3053  
OFFERED BY MR. KILDEE OF MICHIGAN**

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

1 **SEC. 609. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING WORKING**  
2 **WITH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO PRE-**  
3 **VENT A REPOSITORY FROM BEING BUILT**  
4 **WITHIN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) The water resources of the Great Lakes  
7 Basin are precious public natural resources, shared  
8 by the Great Lakes States and the Canadian Prov-  
9 inces.

10 (2) The United States and Canada have, since  
11 1909, worked to maintain and improve the water  
12 quality of the Great Lakes through water quality  
13 agreements.

14 (3) Over 40,000,000 people in both Canada and  
15 the United States depend on the fresh water from  
16 the Great Lakes for drinking water.

17 (4) Ontario Power Generation is proposing to  
18 build a permanent geological repository for nuclear

1 waste less than one mile from Lake Huron in  
2 Kincardine, Ontario, Canada.

3 (5) Nuclear waste is highly toxic and can take  
4 tens of thousands of years to decompose to safe lev-  
5 els.

6 (6) A spill of nuclear waste into the Great  
7 Lakes could have lasting and severely adverse envi-  
8 ronmental, health, and economic impacts on the  
9 Great Lakes and the people that depend on them for  
10 their livelihood.

11 (7) Over 187 local, county, State, and tribal  
12 governments have passed resolutions in opposition to  
13 Ontario Power Generation's proposed nuclear waste  
14 repository.

15 (8) Tribes and First Nations' citizens have a  
16 strong spiritual and cultural connection to the Great  
17 Lakes and its protection is fundamental to treaty  
18 rights.

19 (9) Ontario Power Generation has promised not  
20 to move forward with their current proposal without  
21 the support of the First Nations that would be im-  
22 pacted.

23 (10) During the 1980s when the Department of  
24 Energy, in accordance with the Nuclear Waste Pol-  
25 icy Act of 1982, was studying potential sites for a

1 permanent nuclear waste repository in the United  
2 States, the Canadian Government expressed concern  
3 with locating a permanent nuclear waste repository  
4 within shared water basins of the two countries.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
6 gress that—

7 (1) the Canadian Government should not allow  
8 a permanent nuclear waste repository to be built  
9 within the Great Lakes Basin;

10 (2) the President and the Secretary of State  
11 should take appropriate action to work with the Ca-  
12 nadian Government to prevent a permanent nuclear  
13 waste repository from being built within the Great  
14 Lakes Basin; and

15 (3) the President and the Secretary of State  
16 should work together with their Canadian Govern-  
17 ment counterparts on a safe and responsible solution  
18 for the long-term storage of nuclear waste.

