

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

At the end of title XII, add the following:

1 **Subtitle G—Sensible, Timely Relief**
2 **for America’s Nuclear Districts’**
3 **Economic Development**

4 **SEC. 12701. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) communities throughout the United States,
7 including communities in the States of California,
8 Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Mary-
9 land, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Or-
10 egon, Vermont, and Wisconsin, are tasked with deal-
11 ing with stranded nuclear waste;

12 (2) communities affected by stranded nuclear
13 waste are de facto interim nuclear waste storage
14 sites;

15 (3) the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42
16 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.)—

17 (A) directed the Secretary of Energy to
18 make annual impact assistance payments to
19 States or appropriate units of local government

1 to mitigate the social and economic impacts of
2 the establishment and operation of interim nu-
3 clear waste storage capacity within the jurisdic-
4 tional boundaries of an affected community;
5 and

6 (B) established the rate for impact assist-
7 ance payments at \$15 per kilogram of spent
8 nuclear fuel;

9 (4) decommissioning a commercial nuclear
10 power plant is often catastrophic for the host com-
11 munity because nuclear power plants are major em-
12 ployers and the primary source of local tax revenue;

13 (5) stranded nuclear waste is a profound obsta-
14 cle to future economic growth, deterring potential
15 employers and residents from considering the host
16 community;

17 (6) stranded nuclear waste prevents economic
18 development in communities in which the stranded
19 nuclear waste is located;

20 (7) stranded nuclear waste prevents commu-
21 nities from redeveloping sites where nuclear power
22 plants previously operated which further inhibits tax
23 revenues; and

24 (8) it is critical to provide resources to commu-
25 nities that—

1 (A) are challenged by stranded nuclear
2 waste; or

3 (B) will be challenged by stranded nuclear
4 waste during the 10-year period beginning on
5 the date of enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 12702. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this subtitle:

8 (1) **ACADEMY.**—The term “Academy” means
9 the National Academy of Sciences.

10 (2) **NUCLEAR-AFFECTED COMMUNITY.**—The
11 term “nuclear-affected community” means a unit of
12 local government, including a county, city, town, vil-
13 lage, school district, or special district, that the Ad-
14 ministrator determines to contain stranded nuclear
15 waste within the jurisdictional boundary or contain
16 an eligible civilian nuclear power plant within the ju-
17 risdictional boundary of such locality.

18 (3) **ELIGIBLE CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER**
19 **PLANT.**—The term “eligible civilian nuclear power
20 plant” means a civilian nuclear power plant (as de-
21 fined in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act
22 of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101)) that—

23 (A) has been decommissioned; or

24 (B) is in the process of being decommis-
25 sioned.

1 (4) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the U.S. Eco-
3 nomic Development Administration.

4 (5) STRANDED NUCLEAR WASTE.—The term
5 “stranded nuclear waste” means nuclear waste or
6 spent nuclear fuel stored in dry casks or spent fuel
7 pools (as defined in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste
8 Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101)) at the site
9 of an eligible civilian nuclear power plant.

10 **SEC. 12703. TAX INCENTIVES FOR AFFECTED COMMU-**
11 **NITIES.**

12 (a) FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER CREDIT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 36 of the Internal
14 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

15 (A) by inserting “**for nuclear affected**
16 **communities**” after “**credit**” in the head-
17 ing;

18 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “in the
19 United States” and inserting “in a nuclear af-
20 fected community (as such term is defined in
21 section 12702 of the Clean Economy Jobs and
22 Innovation Act)”;

23 (C) in subsection (b), by striking para-
24 graphs (2) and (3) and redesignating paragraph
25 (4) as paragraph (2); and

1 (D) by striking subsections (f), (g), and
2 (h).

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
4 tions for subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of
5 chapter 1 of such Code is amended by striking the
6 item relating to section 36 and inserting the fol-
7 lowing new item:

“Sec. 36. First-time homebuyer credit for nuclear affected communities.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by
9 subsection (a) shall apply to the purchase of a principal
10 residence after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 12704. INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS PRIZE COMPETITION.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
14 establish a competitive prize competition (referred to in
15 this section as the “prize competition”) to award prizes
16 to proposals for affected communities to carry out alter-
17 natives to nuclear facilities, generating sites, and waste
18 sites.

19 (b) PRIZE BOARD.—

20 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
21 advisory board (referred to in this section as the
22 “Board”) to advise the Administrator on—

23 (A) the design and implementation of the
24 prize competition; and

1 (B) the development of the pilot project
2 under subsection (d).

3 (2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be com-
4 posed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the
5 Administrator—

6 (A) who shall provide expertise in—

7 (i) nuclear waste;

8 (ii) workforce issues;

9 (iii) technology development; and

10 (iv) economic development; and

11 (B) who may include representatives
12 from—

13 (i) The National Laboratories;

14 (ii) nonprofit organizations; and

15 (iii) institutions of higher education.

16 (c) AWARD AMOUNT.—An award under the prize
17 competition shall be in the amount of \$500,000.

18 (d) PILOT PROGRAM.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in con-
20 sultation with the Board, shall develop a pilot
21 project based on the proposal of the winner of the
22 prize competition.

23 (2) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available
24 under section 12706, the Administrator may use

1 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—A nuclear affected commu-
2 nity shall be eligible to receive a grant under this
3 section for a fiscal year.

4 (2) AWARDS.—

5 (A) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant
6 awarded under subsection (a) shall be equal to
7 \$15 for each kilogram of spent nuclear fuel
8 stored at the eligible civilian nuclear power
9 plant in the nuclear affected community, con-
10 sistent with the price paid per kilogram for im-
11 pact assistance outlined in the Nuclear Waste
12 Policy Act of 1982.

13 (B) NUMBER AND FREQUENCY.—With re-
14 spect to each eligible civilian nuclear power
15 plant, the Administrator shall request submis-
16 sions from affected nuclear communities and
17 may only award 1 grant under subsection (a) to
18 each eligible unit of local government for each
19 fiscal year.

20 (c) AWARDS BASED ON LOST TAX REVENUE.—

21 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive fi-
22 nancial assistance under this section, the affected
23 community shall submit to the Administrator an ap-
24 plication that includes documentation that the nu-
25 clear affected community has experienced, or is pre-

1 dicted to experience, during a calendar year begin-
2 ning after December 31, 2014, and ending before
3 January 1, 2025—

4 (A) a reduction of not less than 20 percent
5 in overall tax revenue received by such affected
6 community for such year compared with the av-
7 erage of such tax revenue for the previous 5
8 years; and

9 (B) a reduction in tax revenue attributable
10 to a nuclear power plant received by such af-
11 fected community for such year, compared with
12 the average of such tax revenue for the previous
13 5 years, that is not less than 20 percent of the
14 average for such previous 5 years of the overall
15 tax revenue received by such unit.

16 For purposes of this paragraph, the term “tax rev-
17 enue” includes any payment in lieu of taxes received
18 by an affected community.

19 (2) ASSISTANCE.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to amounts
21 made available in advance in appropriations
22 Acts, financial assistance provided under this
23 section to a nuclear affected community shall be
24 made with respect to each year of the 8-year

1 period beginning on the first day of the cal-
2 endar year described in paragraph (1).

3 (B) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to
4 amounts made available in advance in appro-
5 priations Acts, financial assistance provided
6 under this section to a nuclear affected commu-
7 nity for a year of an 8-year period shall be
8 equal to the lesser of \$10,000,000 and—

9 (i) in the case of the first year of the
10 8-year period, 80 percent of the loss de-
11 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) with respect to
12 such unit;

13 (ii) in the case of the second year of
14 the 8-year period, 70 percent of such loss;

15 (iii) in the case of the third year of
16 the 8-year period, 60 percent of such loss;

17 (iv) in the case of the fourth year of
18 the 8-year period, 50 percent of such loss;

19 (v) in the case of the fifth year of the
20 8-year period, 40 percent of such loss;

21 (vi) in the case of the sixth year of
22 the 8-year period, 30 percent of such loss;

23 (vii) in the case of the seventh year of
24 the 8-year period, 20 percent of such loss;

25 and

1 (viii) in the case of the eighth year of
2 the 8-year period, 10 percent of such loss.

3 **SEC. 12706. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
5 priated to carry out this Act \$110,000,000 for each of
6 fiscal years 2020 through 2025 and \$120,000,000 for
7 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

8 (b) NO OFFSET.—None of the funds made available
9 under this section may be used to offset the funding for
10 any other Federal program.

11 (c) LIMITATION.—No nuclear affected community
12 may receive more than one grant per calendar year, and
13 cannot receive grants under both sections 12705(b) and
14 (c) in the same calendar year.

