

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1911

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7 H. P. 1928 House of Representatives, February 2, 1982
Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
sent up for concurrence and 2,000 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

8 Presented by Representative Livesay of Brunswick.

Cosponsors: Senator Conley of Cumberland, Representative L.
Higgins of Scarborough and Representative Weymouth of West
Gardiner.
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10 STATE OF MAINE
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12 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
13 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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15 AN ACT Concerning the On-site Storage of
16 Spent Nuclear Fuel.
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18 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

19 10 MRSA §166 is enacted to read:

20 §166. On-site storage of spent fuel assemblies; limitations

21 After July 1, 1992, no nuclear fission thermal power
22 plant licensee may store or maintain in on-site spent fuel
23 element pools or other on-site temporary storage facilities
24 any spent nuclear fuel for a period exceeding 3 years from
25 the date of the fuel's removal from the generating facility.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 The Federal Government has preempted the area of dis-
28 posal of high level radioactive waste, thus denying the
29 State the opportunity to control the disposal of a most

1 troublesome waste. The purpose of this bill is to pressure
2 the Federal Government to make a timely and diligent effort
3 to establish a permanent waste disposal site.

4 This bill prohibits, after July 1, 1992, the storage of
5 more than the 3 most recent years' spent nuclear fuel in any
6 spent fuel element pool or other temporary storage facility
7 on the site of any nuclear power plant in Maine. Ten years
8 was chosen as a deadline because it represents a realistic
9 time for the establishment of a permanent, federally oper-
10 ated disposal site.

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