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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 314,
L.D. 373, Bill, "AN ACT to Limit the Storage of
Spent Fuel at Nuclear Reactor Facilities."

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Amend the bill in that part designated "§3362."
in the 2nd paragraph, last line (page 2, line 15 in
L.D.) by striking out the underlined figure "953" and
inserting in its place the underlined figure '1259'

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Further amend the Bill in that part designated
"§3362" in the 2nd paragraph, last line (page 2, line
15 in L.D.) by adding after the underlined word and
punctuation "assemblies." the following: 'In the
event the exception authorized in section 3363, sub-
section 2, is invoked at that plant, the total number
of spent fuel assemblies in storage shall not exceed
1476 assemblies.'

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Further amend the Bill in that part designated
"§3363." in subsection 1 in the last line (page 2,
line 19 in L.D.) by adding after the underlined word
and punctuation "prohibited." the following: 'Except
as provided in subsection 2, full core reserve stor-
age space shall be maintained at all times sufficient
to hold all of the fuel from the core. The shipping
cask area shall not be considered available for stor-
age or full core reserve.'

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Further amend the Bill in that part designated
"§3363." by adding at the end the following:

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'3. Transfer prohibited. Any nuclear power
plant in the State is prohibited from accepting spent
fuel for storage from any other nuclear power plant.'

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Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end

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1 before the statement of fact the following:

2 '§3365. Federal repository; reporting

3 The commission shall report annually, by February
4 1st, to the Governor and the Legislature on the
5 progress of the federal program under the Nuclear
6 Waste Policy Act of 1982, United States Public Law
7 97-425, to develop a repository for the deep geologic
8 disposal of spent nuclear fuel and of interim storage
9 and monitored retrievable storage capacity under that
10 Act. In addition to other relevant information, these
11 reports shall specifically address progress towards:

12 A. Presidential designation of a geologic dis-
13 posal site, scheduled for March 31, 1987;

14 B. Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing of a
15 site, scheduled for not later than January 1,
16 1989; and

17 C. Operation of the first site, scheduled for
18 not later than January 31, 1998.'

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This amendment sets the allowable number of spent
21 fuel assemblies at a level consistent with expansion
22 by reracking, but not pin compaction at Maine Yankee.
23 This number also is sufficient to allow on-site stor-
24 age until July 1, 1992, when, under present law, the
25 Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 166, all spent
26 fuel which has been removed from the core for more
27 than 3 years must be removed from the plant site.
28 This number is also large enough to respect the
29 wishes of those who voted to keep the plant open, but
30 small enough to avoid the danger of the plant becom-
31 ing a de facto permanent storage site.

32 Because of the severely limited storage space at
33 nuclear power plants, transfer of spent fuel to any

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1 nuclear power plant in the State from any other plant
2 is prohibited.

3 The amendment requires the Public Utility Commis-
4 sion to report annually to the Governor and the
5 Legislature on the progress of the federal high-level
6 waste program.

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