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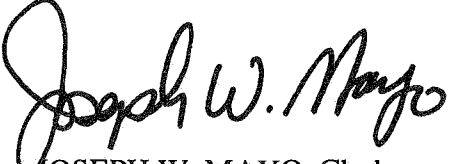
No. 1357

H.P. 977

House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

An Act to Enhance Public Knowledge of Nuclear Power.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and
Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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3 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §200-H** is enacted to read:

4 **§200-H. Maine Yankee working group**

6 The Attorney General shall establish within the Department
8 of Attorney General a working group responsible for monitoring,
10 assessing, investigating and, through whatever legal means the
12 Attorney General considers appropriate, responding to events,
14 occurrences and developments at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power
16 Plant and decisions, investigations, orders or proposals of the
 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission or other federal
 agencies with regard to that plant that may adversely impact the
 health, welfare or safety of the people of the State.

18 **Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §459** is enacted to read:

20 **§459. Notice by seller of proximity to nuclear facilities**

22 Any person who offers to sell real estate located within the
24 emergency planning area established pursuant to Title 37-B,
26 section 960 around a nuclear power plant shall give notice to all
28 prospective buyers of the proximity of the real estate to the
 nuclear power plant. Any roadside or similar sign advertising
 the real estate for sale must include the following statement:
 "This property is located in the emergency planning area for a
 nuclear power plant."

30 **Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §954, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL
32 1983, c. 816, Pt. B, §20, is amended to read:

34 **2. Annual review of plan.** The committee shall, in
36 conjunction with all municipalities and state agencies it
38 requires to provide assistance, prepare an Emergency Radiological
40 Response Plan deemed necessary to protect the public and property
42 in the State from hazards or dangers from radiation, radioactive
44 materials, nuclear materials or the occurrence of a radiological
46 incident as a result of the presence of, release of or emissions
48 from radioactive materials, radioactivity or nuclear materials in
50 this State. The committee shall review and annually determine the
 adequacy of the plan. The plan shall must include, but is not be
 limited to, evacuation plans, including the marking of evacuation
 routes, a school emergency preparedness program for any schools
 located within the emergency planning area established under
 section 960, the placement of emergency response placards in
 rental units located within that emergency planning area,
 quarterly broadcasts on television and radio of emergency
 response instructions, and the any other requirements for such
 programs as established by the Federal Emergency Management
 Agency and the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Any

2 agency of state, county or local government may make requests and
recommendations under this program to meet differing needs. This
4 plan shall applies only apply to those hazards or dangers which
that arise from the peaceful use of nuclear materials.

6 The committee shall recommend to the Legislature on or before
January 31, 1985, and annually thereafter, any appropriate
8 legislative action relative to the plan. In the event of a
division of opinions, all reports shall must be submitted to the
10 Legislature.

12 SUMMARY

14 This bill does the following.

16 1. It requires the Attorney General to establish a Maine
18 Yankee Atomic Power Plant working group to monitor and respond to
events involving or related to the plant that may impact the
20 health, safety and welfare of the people of the State.

22 2. It requires the seller of real estate located within the
emergency planning area around a nuclear power plant to notify
24 all prospective buyers of the proximity of the power plant to the
real estate.

26 3. It requires the Radiological Emergency Preparedness
28 Committee to include in its Emergency Radiological Response Plan
the following: the marking of evacuation routes; the placement
30 of emergency response placards in rental units located in the
emergency response area around a nuclear power plant; the
32 development of emergency preparedness programs for schools
located in the emergency response area and quarterly broadcasts
34 on television and radio providing emergency response instructions.