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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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LD: 642  
EMERGENCY

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON  
RADIOACTIVE WASTE TO REPLACE THE LOW-LEVEL  
WASTE COMMISSION

KANY  
USHER  
MILLS  
MITCHELL

MAJ OTP-AM  
MIN ONTP

HOUSE Enacted MAJ  
SENATE Enacted MAJ  
GOV SIGNED

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CH # 309

S-107	CA	MAJ REP	H	S
S-115	SA	DANTON	H	S
S-124	SB	DANTON		
S-134	CA	USHER	H	S

SUMMARY:

This bill creates the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste as a successor with expanded duties to the Low-level Waste Siting Commission. The new commission will study the management, transportation, storage and disposal of high-level and low-level radioactive waste; evaluate methods and criteria for siting and constructing high-level and low-level radioactive waste storage or disposal facilities; report to the Governor and the Legislature; and promote public understanding of radioactive waste issues. The bill provides for an additional 2 public members on the new commission and for \$25 per diem payment to the members. The bill reduces the service fee for LLRW from \$10 to \$9 per cubic foot and establishes a new service fee of one cent per 5,000 KWH of electricity generated by nuclear power for HLRW.

CA-S-107: The committee amendment removes the emergency preamble and clause; limits per diem payment to legislative and public members; eliminates the service fee on HLRW and reinstates the \$10 per cubic foot service fee for LLRW; provides for a ceiling on the money accumulated in the Radioactive Waste Evaluation Fund by collection of service fees to \$100,000 in 1985-86 and \$150,000 thereafter; authorizes the commission to accept and spend federal funds; and clarifies the transition from the Low-level Waste Siting Commission to the new commission.

SA-S-115: This Senate Amendment was presented by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading to number sections of the law consecutively.

SA-S-134: This Senate Amendment provides for allocations from the new Radioactive Waste Evaluation Fund and the existing Low-level Waste Siting Fund to carryout the Act and provides further clarification on the transition from the Low-level Waste Siting Commission to the new commission.