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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2015

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Weapons Abo-  
5 lition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLI-**  
2 **TION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVER-**  
3 **SION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Government  
5 shall—

6 (1) provide leadership to negotiate and enter  
7 into a multilateral treaty or other international  
8 agreement by the date that is three years after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act that provides for—

10 (A) the dismantlement and elimination of  
11 all nuclear weapons in every country by not  
12 later than 2022; and

13 (B) strict and effective international con-  
14 trol of such dismantlement and elimination;

15 (2) redirect resources that are being used for  
16 nuclear weapons programs to use—

17 (A) in converting all nuclear weapons in-  
18 dustry employees, processes, plants, and pro-  
19 grams smoothly to constructive, ecologically  
20 beneficial peacetime activities, including strict  
21 control of all fissile material and radioactive  
22 waste, during the period in which nuclear weap-  
23 ons must be dismantled and eliminated pursu-  
24 ant to the treaty or other international agree-  
25 ment described in paragraph (1); and

1 (B) in addressing human and infrastruc-  
2 ture needs, including development and deploy-  
3 ment of sustainable carbon-free and nuclear-  
4 free energy sources, health care, housing, edu-  
5 cation, agriculture, and environmental restora-  
6 tion, including long-term radioactive waste mon-  
7 itoring;

8 (3) undertake vigorous, good-faith efforts to  
9 eliminate war, armed conflict, and all military oper-  
10 ations; and

11 (4) actively promote policies to induce all other  
12 countries to join in the commitments described in  
13 this subsection to create a more peaceful and secure  
14 world.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a)(2) shall take  
16 effect on the date on which the President certifies to Con-  
17 gress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have—

18 (1) eliminated such weapons; or

19 (2) begun such elimination under established  
20 legal requirements comparable to those described in  
21 subsection (a).

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