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H. R. 547

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

A BILL

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL AP-**
2 **PROVAL OF AGREEMENTS FOR PEACEFUL**
3 **NUCLEAR COOPERATION.**

4 (a) COOPERATION WITH OTHER NATIONS.—Section
5 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153
6 d.) is amended in the first sentence—

7 (1) by striking “not” the first and second place
8 it appears;

9 (2) by inserting “only” after “effective” the
10 first place it appears; and

11 (3) by striking “: *Provided further,*” and all
12 that follows through “such agreement”.

13 (b) SUBSEQUENT ARRANGEMENTS.—Section 131
14 a.(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 2160 a.(1)) is amended—

15 (1) in the second sentence, by striking “secu-
16 rity,” and all that follows and inserting “security.”
17 and

18 (2) by inserting after the second sentence the
19 following: “Such subsequent arrangement shall not
20 take effect unless the Congress enacts a joint resolu-
21 tion of approval, according to the procedures of sec-
22 tions 123 d. and 130 i. of this Act. Any such nuclear
23 proliferation assessment statement shall be sub-
24 mitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
25 House of Representatives and the Committee on
26 Foreign Relations of the Senate no later than the

1 31st day of continuous session after submission of
2 the subsequent arrangement.”.

3 **SEC. 2. INITIATIVES AND NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO**
4 **AGREEMENTS FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR CO-**
5 **OPERATION.**

6 Section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
7 U.S.C. 2153) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “e. The President shall keep the Committee on For-
10 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
11 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate fully and cur-
12 rently informed of any initiative or negotiations relating
13 to a new or amended agreement for peaceful nuclear co-
14 operation pursuant to this section prior to the President’s
15 announcement of such initiative or negotiations. The
16 President shall consult with the appropriate congressional
17 committees concerning such initiative or negotiations be-
18 ginning not less than 15 calendar days after the initiation
19 of any such negotiations, or the receipt or transmission
20 of a draft agreement, whichever occurs first, and monthly
21 thereafter until such time as the negotiations are con-
22 cluded.”.

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