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Joint Resolution

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Permitting the supply of additional low enriched uranium fuel under international agreements for cooperation in the civil uses of nuclear energy, and for other purposes.

22 USC 3201  
note.

Whereas the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 urges the United States to provide a reliable supply of nuclear fuel to those nations which adhere to policies designed to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

42 USC 2153c.

Whereas the United States, in order to achieve the goals of that Act should be able to continue to supply low-enriched uranium fuel to nations that have entered into good faith negotiations as called for in section 404(a) of the Act; and

Low-enriched uranium fuel. U.S. exports. 42 USC 2153c note.

Whereas pending such negotiations, limitations now contained in certain agreements for cooperation on the amount of low-enriched uranium which may be supplied thereunder are insufficient to permit adequate assurance of supplies: Now, therefore, be it

42 USC 2153c note. 42 USC 2011 note. 22 USC 3201 note. "Low-enriched uranium."

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1.** Limits contained in agreements for cooperation on the amount of low-enriched uranium which may be transferred by or exported from the United States pursuant thereto shall not be construed to preclude transfer or export of amounts of low-enriched uranium in excess of such limits to nations which are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

**SEC. 2.** (a) The terms used in this joint resolution shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

(b) The term "low-enriched uranium" means uranium enriched to less than 20 per centum in the isotope 235.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

HOUSE REPORT No. 96-919 accompanying H.J. Res. 324 (Comm. on Foreign Affairs).  
SENATE REPORT No. 96-657 (Comm. on Foreign Relations).  
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Apr. 28, considered and passed Senate.  
May 5, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.J. Res. 324.  
June 6, Senate concurred in House amendment.