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Calling for the United States to amend the London Convention to ban the ocean dumping of low-level radioactive waste, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON (for himself, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. COBLE, Mr. McCLOSKEY, Ms. SCHENK, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. GOSS, Mr. SKEEN, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for the United States to amend the London Convention to ban the ocean dumping of low-level radioactive waste, and for other purposes.

Whereas the world's oceans are a sensitive and valuable natural resource;

Whereas the dynamic nature of the world's oceans tends to disperse radioactive contamination;

Whereas radioactivity within the ocean environment can become incorporated into marine organisms and consequently into marine food chains;

Whereas the effects of radioactivity in the marine environment are poorly understood and require further study;

Whereas the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, known as the London Convention, has banned the ocean dumping of high-level radioactive waste since 1975;

Whereas a voluntary international moratorium on the ocean dumping of low-level radioactive waste has been in effect since 1983;

Whereas the governments of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Solomon Islands, Spain, and Sweden have declared their support for amending the London Convention to ban ocean dumping of low-level radioactive waste; and

Whereas on November 2, 1993, the Administration announced its support for amending the London Convention to ban low-level ocean dumping of radioactive waste: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) The United States should seek, through ap-
4 appropriate diplomatic means, an international agree-
5 ment to—

6 (A) ban the deliberate ocean dumping of
7 low-level radioactive waste; and

8 (B) encourage a periodic international sci-
9 entific review of the environmental impacts of
10 such ocean dumping.

1 (2) The United States, through appropriate
2 diplomatic means, should urge all nations to comply
3 with existing and future international agreements
4 prohibiting the deliberate ocean dumping of low- and
5 high-level radioactive waste.

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