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To provide for a pilot power plant designed to revitalize depressed communities by providing energy intensive industry with an effective opportunity to dispose of solid wastes and obtain inexpensive electricity and steam, and to provide a pilot role model for the development of a comprehensive national strategic energy intensive industry initiative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “National Environ-
5 mental-Economic Recovery Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that—

3 (1) plants such as the SEMASS plant in Roch-
4 ester, Massachusetts, and the Wheelabrator plant in
5 Baltimore, Maryland, provide an effective and effi-
6 cient means of disposing solid wastes and obtaining
7 inexpensive electrical power and steam; and

8 (2) the availability of such plants in a commu-
9 nity will attract energy intensive industry to that
10 community, increasing the community's tax base and
11 strengthening its economy.

12 **SEC. 3. GRANT AUTHORITY.**

13 The Secretary shall make a grant of \$10,000,000 to
14 the nonprofit IRCA Foundation, a subsidiary of Industrial
15 Resource Consultants of America, for the establishment
16 of a facility described in section 4.

17 **SEC. 4. FACILITY.**

18 The facility to be established as described in section
19 3—

20 (1) shall produce electric power, steam, or both,
21 from solid wastes;

22 (2) shall have 2 boilers and be capable of ex-
23 pansion;

24 (3) shall be located in a depressed community
25 in the United States;

1 (4) shall provide electricity and steam to energy
2 intensive industry customers at no more than 40
3 percent of the market rate for electricity;

4 (5) may provide electricity to public entities or
5 light industry, but not to residential consumers; and

6 (6) shall obtain a continuing supply of feed-
7 stock sufficient to sustain maximum operational ca-
8 pability through long-term contracts with municipal
9 and other governmental sources.

10 **SEC. 5. REINVESTMENT OF SAVINGS.**

11 Any energy intensive industry customer obtaining
12 electricity or steam from the facility described in section
13 4 shall invest in equipment, physical plant, or increased
14 employment at least 7 percent of the savings gained by
15 obtaining such resources from that facility compared to
16 the cost of obtaining such resources from other sources.

17 **SEC. 6. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

18 Within one year after the facility described in section
19 4 becomes fully operational, the Secretary shall transmit
20 to the Congress a report recommending whether the Fed-
21 eral Government should make additional grants similar to
22 the grant authorized by this Act. Such recommendation
23 shall be based on the Secretary's analysis of whether the
24 grant made under this Act has resulted in—

1 (1) the creation of jobs in the community in
2 which the facility is located due to the relocation of
3 energy intensive industry;

4 (2) the effective disposal of solid wastes; and

5 (3) the production of electricity and steam more
6 easily and inexpensively.

7 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

8 For the purposes of this Act—

9 (1) the term “depressed community” means a
10 rural or urban community that the Secretary deter-
11 mines is relatively depressed in terms of age of hous-
12 ing, extent of poverty, growth of per capita income,
13 and extent of unemployment, job lag, and surplus
14 labor;

15 (2) the term “energy intensive industry” means
16 an industry that consumes more than 25,000 BTUs
17 per dollar of value added, as determined by the Sec-
18 retary;

19 (3) the term “fully operational” means at least
20 90 percent operational, determined by averaging the
21 percentage of capacity solid waste intake achieved
22 and the percentage of capacity electricity output
23 achieved;

24 (4) the term “market rate” means the applica-
25 ble rate for retail bulk power sales made by the elec-

1 tric utility within the service territory concerned;
2 and

3 (5) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
4 of Energy.

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