

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 795

To require the Secretary of Energy to develop a plan to decrease the threat resulting from the theft or diversion of highly enriched uranium.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Energy to develop a plan to decrease the threat resulting from the theft or diversion of highly enriched uranium.

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. PLAN.**

4 Section 307 of the Energy Reorganization Act of
5 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5877) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subsection:

7 “(d) Not later than 6 months after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall trans-
9 mit to the Congress a plan to decrease the threat resulting

1 from the theft or diversion of highly enriched uranium.

2 Such plan shall provide, as appropriate, for—

3 “(1) monitoring of highly enriched uranium
4 supplies at any commercial companies who have ac-
5 cess to substantial amounts of highly enriched ura-
6 nium;

7 “(2) assistance to companies described in para-
8 graph (1) with security and personnel checks;

9 “(3) acceleration of the process of blending
10 down excess highly enriched uranium into low-en-
11 riched uranium;

12 “(4) purchasing highly enriched uranium;

13 “(5) paying the cost of shipping highly enriched
14 uranium;

15 “(6) accelerating the conversion of commercial
16 research reactors and energy reactors to the use of
17 low-enriched uranium where they now use highly en-
18 riched uranium; and

19 “(7) minimizing, and encouraging transparency
20 in, the further enrichment of low-enriched uranium
21 to highly enriched uranium.”.

○