

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 109

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.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 2011

Mr. ENSIGN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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. REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL AP-**

4                   **PROVAL OF AGREEMENTS FOR PEACEFUL**

5                   **NUCLEAR COOPERATION.**

6       (a) COOPERATION WITH OTHER NATIONS.—Section

7       123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153

8       d.) is amended in the first sentence—

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

3 (2) by inserting "only" after "effective" the  
4 first place it appears; and

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

7 (b) SUBSEQUENT ARRANGEMENTS.—Section 131

8 a.(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 2160 a.(1)) is amended—

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

4       Section 123 e. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42  
5   U.S.C. 2153(e)) is amended to read as follows:

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

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