

## **HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 5**

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

March 29

1 Delete lines 6 through 20 of the printed joint memorial and insert:

2 “Whereas the United States Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies’ activities  
3 producing plutonium at the Hanford Nuclear Site at Richland, Washington, created large amounts  
4 of radioactive and chemical waste; and

5 “Whereas the methods used for handling radioactive and chemical waste from the Hanford Nu-  
6 clear Site resulted in extensive ground water contamination; and

7 “Whereas some of the contaminated ground water from the Hanford Nuclear Site enters the  
8 Columbia River, causing localized contamination where plumes enter the river; and

9 “Whereas cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Site has been underway since 1989, and will likely  
10 continue for another 40 years or more; and

11 “Whereas although significant progress has been made in reducing the flow of contaminants in  
12 ground water to the Columbia River, expansion of treatment systems is still needed, especially on  
13 Hanford’s Central Plateau, to ensure sufficient long-term protection of the river; and

14 “Whereas federal funding for the Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup is not keeping pace with actions  
15 needed to continue widespread progress with the overall Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup, including  
16 expansion of the ground water treatment systems; now, therefore,”.

17 Delete lines 22 through 24 and insert:

18 “(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to continue to appropriate and ex-  
19 pend funds as necessary to support the continued cleanup of radioactive and chemical contaminants  
20 at the Hanford Nuclear Site, with a specific focus on expansion of the existing ground water treat-  
21 ment systems.”.

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