

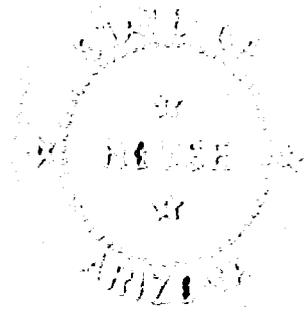
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Senate
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SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1002

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT AND IMPLEMENT LEGISLATION COMPENSATING MOHAVE COUNTY VICTIMS OF ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTING AT THE NEVADA TEST SITE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



1 To the Congress and President of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, between 1951 and 1962, the federal government conducted
4 atmospheric nuclear testing at the Nevada test site in southeastern Nevada
5 that totaled 986.4 kilotons. This testing has been linked to a greater
6 incidence of the types of cancer linked to radiation fallout in
7 "downwinders", those who lived downwind from the atomic test grounds; and

8 Whereas, the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990
9 provided compensation for residents of Yavapai, Coconino, Apache and Navajo
10 counties who were exposed to radiation from nuclear weapons testing at the
11 Nevada test site during the 1950s and early 1960s. Yet, despite wind-pattern
12 photos indicating Mohave County was hit by radiation fallout, the county was
13 not included in those eligible for compensation; and

14 Whereas, statistics show that residents of Mohave County suffered a
15 higher incidence of cancers caused by radiation fallout. Yet, even if those
16 residents file a claim and meet all other criteria, they still are not
17 eligible to receive the compensation offered to victims in the designated
18 areas; and

19 Whereas, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act should be amended to
20 include the Mohave County downwinders who have been stricken with
21 radiation-related illnesses.

22 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
23 Representatives concurring, prays:

24 1. That the Congress and President of the United States take steps to
25 enact and implement legislation that would compensate the residents of Mohave
26 County, Arizona who were sickened by radiation contamination due to nuclear
27 testing at the Nevada test site.

28 2. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Memorial to the
29 President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate,
30 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of
31 Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MAY 5, 2004.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MAY 10, 2004.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 10, 2004.

Passed the House May 5, 2004,

by the following vote: 56 Ayes,

0 Nays, 4 Not Voting

Jake Flake
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate January 29, 2004,

by the following vote: 26 Ayes,

0 Nays, 4 Not Voting

John Blumenthal
President of the Senate

Charmian Bellefontaine
Secretary of the Senate

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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS
AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate May 10, 2004,

by the following vote: 27 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

Klu Bennett
President of the Senate
Charmine Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 10 day of May, 2004,

at 3:04 o'clock P. M.

Jessie K. Brewer
Secretary of State