

**AMENDMENT TO THE ENERGY AND WATER
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY Rep. Barton**

Page 31, line 17, strike “*Provided, That*” and insert “*Provided, That* to ensure the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste and to promote the use of nuclear power necessary to meet United States energy security goals, the Secretary shall use funds appropriated herein to seek to license, construct, and operate a repository at the Yucca Mountain site as expeditiously as practicable, including by seeking all necessary regulatory approvals and permits to construct and operate the repository; conducting all necessary design and engineering work to support construction of the repository; and undertaking all infrastructure activities necessary to support the construction or operation of the repository or transportation to the site of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, including safety upgrades, site preparation, the construction of a rail line to connect the Yucca Mountain site with the national rail network, including any facilities to facilitate rail operations, and construction, upgrade, acquisition, or operation of electrical grids or facilities, other utilities, communication facilities,

access roads, rail lines, and non-nuclear support facilities:

Provided further, That".

