

WASHINGTON -- The House on Wednesday approved legislation introduced by Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., and two other congressmen that would ban the importation of low-level radioactive waste. The bill, approved 309 to 112, would allow the president to waive the ban if necessary for an important policy goal. Without the ban, Terry said, "the United States could easily become the preferred dumping ground for radioactive waste from around the globe." The bill was prompted by a request from a Salt Lake City company to import waste from decommissioned nuclear plants in Italy, process it in Tennessee and store it in Utah.

Terry introduced the legislation with Reps. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., and Jim Matheson, D-Utah.

