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SUBJECT: FALLOUT SURVIVORS ACT

DOA NO. 075-TT

1. TO HIGH COMMISSIONER WINKEL. HAVE NOTICED IN MNS NEWS
RELEASE OF FEBRUARY 24 THAT SENATE PASSED AND SENT TO HOUSE
A BILL PRESUMABLY SB 7-109 PROVIDING FOR A TT FALLOUT SUR-

VIVORS ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER
BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS EX-
POSED TO THE MARCH 1954 H-BOMB FALLOUT AND TO PROVIDE FOR
MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER BENEFITS TO DESCENDANTS OF EXPOSED
PERSONS AND CONTROL PERSONS NOW LIVING ON THESE ATOLLS. CAN
YOU SUPPLY COPY OF BILL SOONEST. WE DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE
COPIES OF ANY PROPOSED SENATE BILLS BELOW THE NUMBER OF 126
IN THE COM MATERIAL SENT US THUS FAR. SHOULD THIS BILL PASS
IN THE HOUSE AND IF CONTAINS ANY REFERENCE TO BINDING ACTION ON
ANY FEDERAL AGENCY, I. E., DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WE WOULD NEED
TO HAVE IT CONSIDERED AT FEDERAL LEVEL. P.L. 5-52 OF 1973
WAS APPROVED VERY RELUCTANTLY AND HAS PROVED ALMOST IMPOS-
SIBLE TO ADMINISTER PROPERLY. OUR UNDERSTANDING ALSO THAT

IT WAS POINTED OUT TO COM AT TIME P.L. 5-52 WAS APPROVED
THAT APPROVAL WAS RELUCTANT NOT THAT U.S. WAS AGAINST
PRINCIPLES INVOLVED BUT THAT COM COULD NOT MANDATE BY
LEGISLATION MANDATORY ACTION BY U.S. FEDERAL AGENCIES.
SINCE THAT TIME IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT THAT ANY FUTURE
AMENOMENTS SHOULD BE IN FORM OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION
WHICH WOULD PROPERLY PERMIT FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CONSIDER
FEASIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS. MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE, DIREC-
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