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By COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

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Vote: Ayes.....92 Nays.....3

Vote: Ayes.....42 Nays.....0

Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act pertaining to atomic energy hazards in relation to the statutory standard fire policy.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Chapter five hundred fifteen (515), Code 1958,
2 is amended by adding thereto the following:
3 "Insurers issuing the standard policy pursuant to section
4 five hundred fifteen point one hundred thirty-eight (515.138),
5 are authorized to affix thereto or include therein a written
6 statement that the policy does not cover loss or damage caused
7 by nuclear reaction or nuclear radiation or radioactive con-
8 tamination. all whether directly or indirectly resulting from
9 an insured peril under said policy; provided, however, that
10 nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the
11 attachment to any such policy of an endorsement or endorse-
12 ment specifically assuming coverage for loss or damage caused
13 by nuclear reaction or nuclear radiation or radioactive con-
14 tamination."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 482

The standard fire policy, being section 515.138, Code 1958, was enacted before atomic energy hazards existed, and the form of such policy was not prepared and enacted with awareness of atomic energy hazards as the subject of insurance. Nuclear reaction is not fire, technically or actually, and does not produce a flame. Because terminology such as "atomic furnaces", "atomic ash", "atomic fuel", etc., might suggest to the uninformed that fire is involved, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners has recommended that fire policies be clarified in this respect. Atomic incident coverages are available, and this proposal will enable insurers to provide such coverage under the standard fire policy by endorsement thereon as well as by separate policy.

