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Rep. Scott Allen explores energy option for Wisconsin

Today the Assembly passed AB 384 which lifts the statutory moratorium on the exploration of advanced nuclear energy options. The bill will allow for the investigation of the potential feasibility of nuclear energy plants in Wisconsin. Any nuclear-electric proposal will still be subject to all the limitations the Public Service Commission imposes when analyzing any new facility. Any nuclear option that may be pursued in the future must be determined to be cost-effective and safe.

“It is my understanding that there are new technologies that allow for currently stored former nuclear waste to be utilized as a source of safe energy,” said Representative Scott Allen, “if those technologies exist, we should explore the options.”

The moratorium was put in place over 30 years ago.

Recently, the federal Environmental Protection Agency issued global warming regulations on coal-fired power plants. Between 2012 and 2030, Wisconsin will have to reduce its carbon emissions by approximately 41%. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the cut would be the sixth-highest in the country.

“Our economy in Wisconsin requires the availability of affordable energy. Expanding energy options is critical for creating future jobs in our state,” stated Rep. Allen.

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