Hansen rejected for nuclear controversy

By William Lassett

A United States Senate committee has rejected the nomination of Professor of Nuclear Engineering Kent Hansen as a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works voted 7 to 4 Monday not to recommend Senate approval of the nomination, effectively meaning that Hansen will not be confirmed. The Carter Administration had expected to withdraw the nomination rather than follow through with floor action. Senator Gary Hart (D-Colo.), chairman of the subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation, was the leading force in opposing Hansen, who was said to be the personal choice of Secretary of Energy James Schlesinger. Hart, quoted in The Washington Post, said that the nomination was rejected because Hansen showed "a noticeable absence of thought, background and depth on such questions as safety and waste disposal."

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