

Lawmakers Debate One-Year Delay on Controversial Energy Law Rather Than Repeal

“State lawmakers are considering pausing for a year an energy law at the center of an alleged \$60-million bribery case rather than repealing it,” reports Laura A. Bischoff in *Dayton Daily News*.

“More than 4.5 million ratepayers across Ohio are scheduled to start paying new fees Jan. 1 that will deliver \$150 million a year to subsidize two nuclear power plants owned by Akron-based Energy Harbor. Those fees and other provisions are part of House Bill 6, which was signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine in July 2019.”

“But in July 2020, FBI agents arrested then Ohio House speaker Larry Householder, R-Glenford, and four associates. Prosecutors alleged that utility companies funneled more than \$60 million into groups that don’t have to disclose donors to position Householder to become speaker and he in turn helped pass HB6.”

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