

S 1622

A bill to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future.

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 109 S 1748 | Related bill | Sep 22, 2005: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 220. |
| 109 HR 3764 | Identical bill | Sep 15, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. |
| 109 HR 3706 | Related bill | Sep 9, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. |

Summary (as of Sep 7, 2005)

Establishes in the legislative branch a bipartisan Katrina Commission to: (1) examine and report upon the federal, state, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other affected areas; (2) evaluate and report on the information developed by all relevant governmental agencies related to Hurricane Katrina before it struck the United States and in the days and weeks following; (3) make a complete accounting of the circumstances surrounding the approach of Hurricane Katrina to the Gulf states, and the extent of the Government's preparedness for and response to it; (4) examine planning necessary for future cataclysmic events that will require a significant marshaling of federal resources, mitigation, response, and recovery to avoid significant loss of life; (5) analyze whether any decisions differed with respect to response and recovery for different communities and what problems occurred as a result of a lack of a common plan, communication structure, and centralized command structure; and (6) investigate and report to the President and Congress on immediate corrective measures that can be taken to prevent problems with federal response to future cataclysmic events.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 7, 2005: Introduced in Senate
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