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Oversight of Vital Emergency Recovery Spending Enhancement and Enforcement Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 27, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3813	Related bill	Sep 16, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

Oversight of Vital Emergency Recovery Spending Enhancement and Enforcement Act of 2005 - Establishes within the Executive Office of the President the Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Makes the CFO responsible for the efficient and effective use of federal funds in all activities relating to the recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

Requires the CFO to strive to ensure that priority in the distribution of federal: (1) relief funds is given to individuals and organizations most in need of financial assistance; and (2) reconstruction funds is given to business entities based in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, or Florida, or business entities that hire workers who resided in those states on August 24, 2005.

Requires the CFO also to: (1) oversee all financial management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort; (2) develop and maintain an integrated accounting and financial management system; and (3) monitor the financial execution of the budget of federal agencies relating to recovery from Hurricane Katrina in relation to actual expenditures.

Requires the CFO to submit a monthly financial report to specified congressional committees.

Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to provide quarterly reports to such congressional committees relating to all activities and expenditures overseen by the office.

Authorizes appropriations.

Terminates the office and the position of CFO one year after enactment of this Act. Authorizes the President, however, to extend the office and the position annually for up to five years.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 27, 2005: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Collins with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- Sep 27, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 226.
- Sep 22, 2005: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Sep 14, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 14, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.