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S 1748

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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| Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL] | $D \cdot IL$ | | Sep 21, 2005 |
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| Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO] | D · CO | | Sep 21, 2005 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY] | $D \cdot NY$ | | Sep 21, 2005 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Sep 21, 2005 |
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Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|----------------|--------------|--|
| 109 HR 3764 | Related 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. |
| 109 S 1622 | Related bill | Sep 7, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |

Summary (as of Sep 21, 2005)

Establishes in the legislative branch a bipartisan Katrina Commission to report to the President and Congress on: (1) 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) the circumstances surrounding the Hurricane's approach, and the extent of federal, state, and local government preparedness for and response to it; (3) 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; (4) 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 (5) immediate corrective measures that can be taken to prevent problems with federal response to future cataclysmic events.

Actions Timeline

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