

HR 3958

Louisiana Katrina Reconstruction Act

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 26, 2005
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2005
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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 4, 2005
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 18, 2005
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Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1765	Related bill	Sep 22, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
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Louisiana Katrina Reconstruction Act - Makes emergency supplemental appropriations for FY2005 related to Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

Makes appropriations for interoperable communications.

Provides for reconstruction/repair of the New Orleans Regional VA Hospital.

Directs the Secretary of the Navy to convey the Naval Support Activity to the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, or the Port of New Orleans, Louisiana, to facilitate their development and expansion.

Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act with respect to hazard mitigation measures in a major disaster area.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to reimburse all costs associated with the restoration of privately-owned utility infrastructure damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Helping to House the Victims of Hurricane Katrina Act - Amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 with respect to Hurricane Katrina Emergency Assistance Vouchers.

Prescribes requirements under the Home Program for families displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Establishes in the Treasury the Home Business and Mortgage Protection Fund.

Amends the TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005 with respect to reimbursement of states for benefits under title IV (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) part A of the Social Security Act (SSA)) provided to assist families from other states affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Requires a state to provide medical assistance under SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to Disaster Relief Medicaid (DRM)-eligible Katrina Survivors under a plan established during the DRM coverage period.

Provides for 100% federal matching payments for medical assistance provided in direct impact parishes.

Establishes in the Treasury the United States Disaster Relief Fund.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code and the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to make Katrina survivors eligible for: (1) a refundable income tax credit for 100% of health insurance costs; and (2) assistance with health insurance coverage under national emergency grants.

Provides that an area in which the President has declared that a major disaster exists shall be designated as a health professional shortage area.

Waives, during the disaster relief period, certain quality reporting requirements under SSA title XVIII (Medicare) for hospitals located in any parish affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Amends the federal bankruptcy code with respect to debtors who are victims of a natural disaster.

Amends SSA title IX (Employment Security) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer from the federal

unemployment account to a state's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund an amount appropriate to ensure that the state account is not insolvent.

Authorizes the use of certain Department of Defense (DOD) and Louisiana National Guard funds for the payment of: (1) departure allowances in connection with the relocation of dependents of members of the uniformed services serving on active duty or of members of reserve components deployed in state service; and (2) claims for personal property damage and losses incurred by such members.

Declares that the departure of civilian DOD employees and their dependents from Louisiana parishes designated as major disaster areas on or after August 28, 2005, shall be considered an evacuation for the purpose of federal government payment for transportation to a location of the employee's choice.

Amends the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to guarantee the timely payment of any debenture issued for purposes of rebuilding or resuming operations in a damaged area.

Amends the Small Business Act with respect to Supplemental Emergency Loans after Hurricane Katrina.

Louisiana Hurricane Katrina Agriculture Disaster Relief Act of 2005 - Prescribes requirements for certain crop disaster assistance.

Privately Owned Utility System Restoration Act of 2005 - Directs the President to compensate privately owned utilities in Louisiana for losses incurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Establishes a Protecting Essential Louisiana Infrastructure, Citizens, and Nature Commission (Pelican Commission).

Directs the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program of grants for activities relating to transition, recovery, and relocation for federal and state agencies, businesses, institutions of higher education, and public-private partnerships in Louisiana that have been affected by Hurricane Katrina or a related condition.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for emergency grants for construction of public telecommunications facilities damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Provides relief for the crawfish industry.

Directs the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to report on the impacts of Hurricane Katrina on fisheries in affected states.

Establishes an entrepreneurship redevelopment program to be administered by the Economic Development Administration to rebuild and diversify New Orleans and the ten surrounding parishes.

Requires the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to establish grant programs to: (1) construct, maintain, and repair evacuation and energy supply routes; (2) expand road and transit capacity in the community; (3) restore, protect, and improve the infrastructure of the Port of New Orleans and other affected ports.

Authorizes appropriations to the Federal Aviation Administration for reimbursements to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport for anticipated revenue shortfalls.

AmeriCorps Disaster Relief Corps Act of 2005 - Establishes an AmeriCorps Disaster Relief Corps to carry out projects in

a major disaster or emergency area that provide food, clothing, shelter, and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims.

Domestic Offshore Energy Reinvestment Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments to coastal states from certain offshore energy-related amounts for hurricane protection and protection of resources from natural disasters.

Offshore Fairness Act of 2005 - Extends the seaward boundaries of Gulf of Mexico states from three geographical miles to three marine leagues if certain conditions are met.

Louisiana Restoration Stamp Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a Louisiana Restoration Stamp and establish the Louisiana Restoration Stamp Fund to hold sale proceeds for coastal and wetland restoration activities.

Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for the restoration of the Lake Pontchartrain basin.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to prescribe or revise emergency tax relief measures for residents of the Hurricane Katrina disaster area, including specified tax credits and deductions from gross income.

Provides for suspension of air transportation excise taxes.

Special Inspector General for Relief and Reconstruction Act of 2005 - Authorizes the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to continue to serve as the Special Inspector General for Relief and Reconstruction in order to audit and investigate use of funds made available for Hurricane Katrina recovery.

Directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to track and report to Congress quarterly on spending of Hurricane Katrina emergency supplemental appropriations.

Amends the federal criminal code to create a federal crime of interfering with federal disaster relief efforts.

Shields volunteers from lawsuits arising out of their rendering of aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education.
- **Nov 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Oct 26, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities.
- **Oct 20, 2005:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Oct 18, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Oct 18, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- **Oct 18, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans.
- **Sep 30, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Introduced in House
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