

S 2382

FEMA Accountability Act of 2008

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]

Party: Democratic • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 11, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 29, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 4829	Text similarities	Dec 19, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
110 HR 4830	Related bill	Dec 19, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

Directs the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to: (1) establish criteria for determining whether individual temporary housing units stored by FEMA are in usable condition; (2) complete an assessment to determine the number of units FEMA needs in stock to respond appropriately to major disasters; and (3) implement a plan to store such number of units, to sell, transfer, or donate excess units in usable condition, and to dispose of units not in usable condition.

Makes the plan subject to Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act disposal requirements and other applicable law. Directs the Administrator to report to the appropriate congressional committees on the status of the distribution, sale, transfer, or other disposal of unused units. Makes any sale, transfer, donation, or disposal of a unit under the plan subject to Stafford Act disposal requirements and other applicable law, except with respect to such sale or other actions to states, other governmental entities, and voluntary organizations for the purpose of providing temporary housing to victims of incidents caused by hazards that do not result in a declaration of a major disaster or emergency by the President if the governor of the affected state certifies that there is an urgent need for the units and the state is unable to provide such units in a timely manner. Directs the Administrator to report to the appropriate congressional committees on the status of the distribution, sale, transfer, donation, or other disposal of units.

(Sec. 2) Directs the President, acting through the FEMA Administrator, in providing in lieu contributions for damages suffered in Louisiana and Mississippi as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (covered hurricane damages), to provide that the federal share of the estimated cost of repairing, restoring, reconstructing, or replacing the facility and of management expenses for both public facilities and private nonprofit facilities shall be 90%.

Authorizes and encourages the President to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures for appeals of decisions made under the Stafford Act regarding the award or denial of assistance or the amount of assistance provided to a state, local government, or owner or operator of a private facility for covered hurricane damages. Requires the President to: (1) provide to such entity written notice of a denial of a request to use ADR procedures for an appeal; and (2) submit quarterly reports to specified committees on denials, a report on how ADR procedures are being used and recommendations on whether the President should be given the authority to use such procedures on a permanent basis, and a report regarding the status of recovery for Louisiana and Mississippi from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Authorizes the President to use simplified procedures for covered hurricane damages if requested by such entity for a project for which the federal estimate of the cost is less than \$100,000.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes the President to provide case management services or assistance under the Stafford Act for victims of any major disaster relating to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Administrator to review, update, and revise the individual assistance factors considered to measure the severity, magnitude, and impact of a disaster.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2008:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Mr. Rahall asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H10615-10618)
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** On passage Passed without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9604-9605;text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9605)
- **Sep 26, 2008:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- **Sep 11, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-453.
- **Sep 11, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 951.
- **Jun 25, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 16, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 16, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.