

HR 3247

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Recovery Facilitation Act of 2007

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Jul 31, 2007
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jul 31, 2007
Rep. Jindal, Bobby [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jul 31, 2007
Rep. Melancon, Charlie [D-LA-3]	D · LA		Jul 31, 2007
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 31, 2007
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]	D · MS		Jul 31, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 18, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported by	Aug 1, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Recovery Facilitation Act of 2008 - Directs the President to increase the amount of federal in-lieu contributions under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for covered hurricane damages suffered in Louisiana or Mississippi as a result of Hurricanes Katrina or Rita to 90% of the cost of repairing any state or local government controlled property that will be replaced instead of repaired.

Makes a pilot program established under the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007 that was designed to make better use of existing rental housing located in areas covered by a major disaster declaration applicable to any assistance being provided under any major disaster declaration relating to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita that otherwise qualifies for participation under such program.

Authorizes and encourages the President to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures for an appeal of a decision made under the Stafford Act regarding assistance provided to a state, local government, or owner or operator of a private facility for covered hurricane damages for a project the total assistance for which exceeds \$500,000. Directs the President to: (1) provide written notice of and the reasons for the denial of any request by a state, local government, or owner or operator of a private facility to use ADR procedures for an appeal; (2) report to specified congressional committees annually on denials; and (3) report to such committees within one year on how ADR procedures are being used under this Act and on whether the President should be given authority to use such procedures under the Stafford Act on a permanent basis.

Permits the President to use simplified procedures under the Stafford Act for a project for which the federal cost estimate is less than \$100,000 for covered damages if requested by a state or local government or an owner or operator of a private nonprofit facility.

Authorizes the President, in providing assistance under the Stafford Act for covered hurricane damages, to provide temporary housing units purchased under that Act that are determined through appropriate testing to be safe for occupancy to state and local governments and private nonprofit entities to provide housing to volunteers assisting in the recovery (but only upon determining that such assistance is appropriate, cost effective, and would not unduly interfere with the ability of the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] to provide housing with respect to other major disasters).

Requires the President to report to specified congressional committees regarding the status of recovery for Louisiana and Mississippi from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

(Sec. 4) Directs the President, within 30 days after submission of a request, to provide a single payment for eligible costs under the Stafford Act for a fire station, police station, or criminal justice facility damaged by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita. Prohibits the President from reducing the amount of: (1) federal in-lieu assistance provided under the Stafford Act for such a facility; or (2) flood assistance provided to a local government under that Act more than once for each such facility for which that local government is receiving assistance relating to Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

Authorizes the President to provide case management services or assistance for victims of any major disaster relating to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 18, 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. 110-471.
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1031.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Oct 29, 2007:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 29, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H12124-12128)
- **Oct 29, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3247.
- **Oct 29, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H12124-12125)
- **Oct 29, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H12124-12125)
- **Oct 29, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 18, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 110-387.
- **Oct 18, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 241.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.