

## S 1823

Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Oct 5, 2017
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Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Oct 17, 2017
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 18, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2405	Identical bill	<b>May 11, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## Summary (as of Sep 18, 2017)

### Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2017

This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include community centers, including tax-exempt houses of worship, as "private nonprofit facilities" for purposes of disaster relief and emergency assistance eligibility under such Act.

A church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other house of worship, and a private nonprofit facility operated by a religious organization, are eligible for federal contributions for the repair, restoration, and replacement of facilities damaged or destroyed by a major disaster, without regard to the religious character of the facility or the primary religious use of the facility.

This bill is applicable to the provision of assistance in response to a major disaster or emergency declared on or after October 28, 2012.

### Actions Timeline

- **Sep 18, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 18, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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