

HR 5846

Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Sanford, Mark [R-SC-1]	R · SC		May 16, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 17, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 27, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6402	Related bill	Jul 17, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
115 S 2862	Identical bill	May 16, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study to assess: (1) the efficacy of practices or programs under which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides assistance to state and local governments to acquire flood-damaged properties committed to open space use in perpetuity (buyout practices), and (2) ways to streamline the buyout practices to provide more timely assistance.

The study must consider and analyze:

- current and future trends with respect to repetitive loss structures and severe repetitive loss structures that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program;
- buyout practices, including the socioeconomic status of recipients of buyouts under buyout programs and examples of successful buyout programs, including best practices employed;
- administrative, financial, or temporal constraints that may impede the timely acquisition of properties under a buyout program;
- potential options, methods, and strategies to address such constraints;
- the ecological, financial, and flood risk reduction benefits that buyout practices provide;
- an assessment of how FEMA may use buyout programs to reduce future flood disaster recovery costs; and
- a cost-benefit analysis of mitigation and buy-out projects and programs.

The GAO shall submit to Congress and FEMA a report on the buyout practices study and the feasibility of FEMA establishing an alternative buyout program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 17, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 115-820.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 634.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Mr. Barletta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6224-6226)
- **Jul 16, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5846.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6224-6225)
- **Jul 16, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6224-6225)
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 17, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **May 16, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.