

Union Calendar No. 141

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1144

[Report No. 110-228]

To waive the non-Federal share of the cost of certain disaster assistance provided in connection with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BARROW, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROSS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT, Ms. WATSON, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Additional sponsors: Mr. COHEN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HONDA, Mr. JINDAL, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California

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Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House
on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To waive the non-Federal share of the cost of certain disaster assistance provided in connection with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “~~Hurricanes Katrina~~
5 ~~and Rita Federal Match Relief Act of 2007~~”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL SHARE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

7 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including~~
8 ~~any agreement, the Federal share of the cost of disaster~~
9 ~~assistance provided before the date of enactment of this~~
10 ~~Act in connection with Hurricane Katrina or Rita under~~
11 ~~title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and~~
12 ~~Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.), in-~~
13 ~~cluding direct Federal assistance, shall be 100 percent~~
14 ~~with respect to assistance provided for the States of Lou-~~
15 ~~isiana and Mississippi.~~

1 **SEC. 3. CANCELLATION OF LOANS.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2(a) of the Community
3 Disaster Loan Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–88) is
4 amended by striking “*Provided further, That notwith-*
5 *standing section 417(e)(1) of the Stafford Act, such loans*
6 *may not be canceled.*”.

7 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
8 this section shall be effective on the date of enactment of
9 the Community Disaster Loan Act of 2005 (Public Law
10 109–88).

11 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

12 *This Act may be cited as the “Hurricanes Katrina,*
13 *Rita, and Wilma Federal Match Relief Act of 2007”.*

14 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL SHARE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

15 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—*Notwithstanding any other provi-*
16 *sion of law, including any agreement, the Federal share of*
17 *assistance, including direct Federal assistance, provided for*
18 *the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Florida in*
19 *connection with Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma*
20 *under sections 403, 406, 407, and 408 of the Robert T. Staf-*
21 *ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42*
22 *U.S.C. 5170b, 5172, 5173, and 5174) shall be 100 percent*
23 *of the eligible costs under such sections.*

24 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—

25 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—*Subject to paragraph (2), the*
26 *Federal share provided by subsection (a) shall apply*

1 to disaster assistance provided before, on, or after the
2 date of enactment of this Act.

3 (2) *LIMITATION.*—*In the case of disaster assist-*
4 *ance provided under sections 403, 406, and 407 of the*
5 *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-*
6 *istance Act, the Federal share provided by subsection*
7 *(a) shall be limited to assistance provided for projects*
8 *for which project worksheets have been approved by*
9 *the Federal Emergency Management Agency before*
10 *the date of enactment of this Act.*

11 **SEC. 3. CANCELLATION OF LOANS.**

12 (a) *COMMUNITY DISASTER LOAN ACT.*—

13 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 2(a) of the Commu-*
14 *nity Disaster Loan Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–88)*
15 *is amended by striking “Provided further, That not-*
16 *withstanding section 417(c)(1) of the Stafford Act,*
17 *such loans may not be canceled:”.*

18 (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by*
19 *paragraph (1) shall be effective on the date of enact-*
20 *ment of the Community Disaster Loan Act of 2005*
21 *(Public Law 109–88).*

22 (b) *EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS*
23 *ACT.*—

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Chapter 4 of title II of the*
25 *Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for De-*

1 *fense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Re-*
2 *covery, 2006 (Public Law 109–234) is amended under*
3 *the heading “FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGE-*
4 *MENT AGENCY–DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT*
5 *LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT” by striking “Provided fur-*
6 *ther, That notwithstanding section 417(c)(1) of such*
7 *Act, such loans may not be canceled:”.*

8 (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by*
9 *paragraph (1) shall be effective on the date of enact-*
10 *ment of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations*
11 *Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hur-*
12 *ricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109–234).*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to waive the non-Federal share of the cost of certain disaster assistance provided in connection with Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.”.

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