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To: Sel Cmte on Hurricane
RecoveryCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
2 WAIVE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OR LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS AND ALL
3 TIME LIMITS IN WHICH TO COMPLETE EMERGENCY WORK FOR DAMAGE TO THE
4 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM HURRICANE
5 KATRINA.

6 WHEREAS, on the 29th day of August, 2005, the State of
7 Mississippi, especially the Gulf Coast region and the southern
8 part of the state, was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, a storm of
9 historic proportions; and

10 WHEREAS, there was great loss of life and property as a
11 result of said storm; and

12 WHEREAS, the direct and indirect damage to the public
13 infrastructure of the State of Mississippi and the local
14 communities in the affected counties was immense; and

15 WHEREAS, damage estimates are now in the hundreds of millions
16 of dollars; and

17 WHEREAS, due to the enormity of the damage, normal state and
18 local procurement processes are inadequate to allow response in a
19 timely manner; and

20 WHEREAS, the extent of the damage is such that the tax base
21 of both the local communities and the state at large will be
22 adversely affected; and

23 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, Governor
24 Haley Barbour, has officially requested that the President of the
25 United States waive all requirements for state or local matching
26 funds and operating assistance restrictions for projects to
27 restore the public infrastructure within the State of Mississippi

28 and provide one hundred percent federal funding for these
29 projects; and

30 WHEREAS, Governor Haley Barbour additionally has requested
31 that the President of the United States waive all time limitations
32 in federal assistance programs for a period of twenty-four months,
33 and the president has acceded to this request:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
36 THEREIN, That the Congress of the United States of America is
37 urged and requested to support the president's waiver of time
38 limitations in federal assistance programs relating to the
39 devastation created by Hurricane Katrina, waive all requirements
40 for state or local matching funds and operating assistance
41 restrictions for projects to restore the public infrastructure
42 within the State of Mississippi, provide one hundred percent
43 federal funding for these projects and enact all legislation
44 necessary to accomplish these purposes.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to President George W. Bush, the President of the United
47 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
48 Representatives, members of the Mississippi Congressional
49 Delegation, Governor Haley Barbour and members of the Capitol
50 Press Corps.