

By: The Entire Membership

To: Sel Cmte on Hurricane  
RecoveryHOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3  
(As Adopted by the House and Senate)

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;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
25 THEREIN, That the Congress of the United States of America is  
26 urged and requested to support the president's waiver of time  
27 limitations in federal assistance programs relating to the  
28 devastation created by Hurricane Katrina, waive all requirements

29 for state or local matching funds and operating assistance  
30 restrictions for projects to restore the public infrastructure  
31 within the State of Mississippi, provide one hundred percent  
32 federal funding for these projects and enact all legislation  
33 necessary to accomplish these purposes.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
35 furnished to President George W. Bush, the President of the United  
36 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
37 Representatives, members of the Mississippi Congressional  
38 Delegation, Governor Haley Barbour and members of the Capitol  
39 Press Corps.