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H. R. 4376

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require Federal agencies impacted by a major disaster to submit to Congress a report on the estimated cost of the impact, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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 “Streamlining The Offi-
5 cial Response and Monetary Aid for Disasters Act” or the
6 “STORM Aid for Disasters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTIMATED COST OF IMPACT TO FEDERAL AGEN-**
2 **CIES.**

3 Section 430 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5189h) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(f) ESTIMATED COST OF IMPACT ON FEDERAL
7 AGENCIES.—

8 “(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days
9 after the date on which the President declares a
10 major disaster under section 401, any Federal agen-
11 cy that sustained specified damage as a result of the
12 disaster shall submit to the appropriate entities a re-
13 port that contains—

14 “(A) a description of the specified damage
15 incurred by the agency;

16 “(B) an estimate of the cost of such speci-
17 fied damage; and

18 “(C) a description of any effects to agency
19 operations if the agency does not receive addi-
20 tional resources.

21 “(2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days
22 after such date, a Federal agency that submitted an
23 initial report under paragraph (1) shall update such
24 initial report and submit to the appropriate entities
25 a final report containing the information described
26 in such paragraph.

1 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

2 “(A) APPROPRIATE ENTITIES.—The term
3 ‘appropriate entities’ means the Committee on
4 Appropriations of the House of Representatives,
5 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate,
6 the Office of Management and Budget, and any
7 Member of Congress representing a location im-
8 pacted by the disaster.

9 “(B) SPECIFIED DAMAGE.—The term
10 ‘specified damage’ means—

11 “(i) damage to Federal facilities and
12 property;

13 “(ii) negative impacts on Federal op-
14 erations, including damage to equipment,
15 loss of program support, and any other
16 calculable costs, as well as costs necessary
17 to resume operations; and

18 “(iii) loss of services, totaling a cost
19 exceeding \$500,000, that would have been
20 provided by the agency but for the dis-
21 aster.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF BILL MAKING SUP-**
2 **PLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO AGENCIES**
3 **IN RESPONSE TO REPORT ON SPECIFIED**
4 **DAMAGE.**

5 (a) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of section
7 2908 (other than subsection (a)) of the Defense
8 Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10
9 U.S.C. 2687 note) shall apply to the consideration of
10 a bill described in subsection (b) in the same manner
11 as such provisions apply to a joint resolution de-
12 scribed in section 2908(a) of such Act.

13 (2) SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of applying
14 paragraph (1) with respect to such provisions, the
15 following rules shall apply:

16 (A) Any reference to the Committee on
17 Armed Services of the House of Representatives
18 shall be deemed a reference to the Committee
19 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
20 tives, and any reference to the Committee on
21 Armed Services of the Senate shall be deemed
22 a reference to the Committee on Appropriations
23 of the Senate.

24 (B) Any reference to the date on which the
25 President transmits a report shall be deemed a
26 reference to the date on which the bill is intro-

1 duced in the House of Representatives or Sen-
2 ate (as the case may be).

3 (b) BILL DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subsection
4 (a), a bill described in this subsection is a bill—

5 (1) which is introduced during the 90-day pe-
6 riod which begins on the date the President declares
7 a major disaster under section 401 of the Robert T.
8 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

10 (2) which consists solely of appropriations made
11 to each Federal agency which submitted a final re-
12 port with respect to such major disaster under sec-
13 tion 430(f)(2) of such Act (as added by section 2)
14 for costs associated with, and in the amount of, the
15 specified damage incurred by the agency, as set
16 forth in such final report; and

17 (3) the title of which is as follows: “A bill mak-
18 ing supplemental appropriations in response to the
19 major disaster declared by the President under sec-
20 tion 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
21 and Emergency Assistance Act on
22 _____.”, with the blank space filled in
23 with the date on which the President declared a
24 major disaster under section 401 of the Robert T.

1 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

3 (c) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWER.—This sec-
4 tion is enacted by Congress—

5 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
6 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
7 tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules
8 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
9 respect to the procedure to be followed in that
10 House in the case of a bill described in subsection
11 (b), and it supersedes other rules only to the extent
12 that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

13 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
14 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
15 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
16 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
17 the case of any other rule of that House.

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