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H. R. 4046

To make emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to provide relief from the damages caused by Hurricane Fran and other natural disasters of 1996.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 1996

Mrs. CLAYTON (for herself, Mr. ROSE, Mr. JONES, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BURR, Mr. HOYER, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. WISE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 “Emergency Disaster
5 Assistance Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal
6 Year 1996”.

1 **TITLE I—EMERGENCY SUPPLE-**
 2 **MENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

3 The following sums are appropriated, out of any
 4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pro-
 5 vide emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year
 6 1996:

7 CHAPTER 1

8 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DE-
 9 VELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINIS-
 10 TRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

11 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

12 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

13 EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

14 For necessary expenses to carry into effect the pro-
 15 gram authorized in sections 401, 402, and 404 of title IV
 16 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2201–
 17 2205) for expenses resulting from Hurricane Fran and
 18 other natural disasters of 1996, \$25,000,000, to remain
 19 available until expended.

20 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

21 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

22 For an additional amount for “Watershed and Flood
 23 Prevention Operations” to repair damages to waterways
 24 and watersheds resulting from Hurricane Fran and other

1 natural disasters of 1996, \$25,000,000, to remain avail-
2 able until expended.

3 If the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the
4 cost of land and farm structures restoration exceeds the
5 fair market value of an affected cropland, the Secretary
6 may use sufficient amounts, not to exceed \$25,000,000,
7 from funds provided under this heading to accept bids
8 from willing sellers to provide conservation easements for
9 such cropland inundated by floods as provided for by the
10 Wetlands Reserve Program, authorized by subchapter C
11 of chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security
12 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3837).

13 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

14 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 For an additional amount for “Rural Housing Insur-
16 ance Fund Program Account” for the additional cost of
17 direct loans, including the cost of modifying loans as de-
18 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
19 1974, for emergency expenses resulting from Hurricane
20 Fran and other natural disasters of 1996, to be available
21 from funds in the rural housing insurance fund as follows:
22 \$25,000,000 for section 502 direct loans and \$25,000,000
23 for section 504 housing repair loans, to remain available
24 until expended.

1 VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSING REPAIR GRANTS

2 For an additional amount for “Very Low-Income
3 Housing Repair Grants” to make housing repairs under
4 section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949 required by dam-
5 ages resulting from Hurricane Fran and other natural dis-
6 asters of 1996, \$25,000,000, to remain available until ex-
7 pended.

8 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

9 RURAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

10 For an additional amount for the “Rural Utilities As-
11 sistance Program” for the cost of direct loans and grants,
12 including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section
13 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, to assist
14 in the recovery from Hurricane Fran and other natural
15 disasters of 1996, \$25,000,000, to remain available until
16 expended. Such funds may be made available for emer-
17 gency community water assistance grants as authorized by
18 section 306B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-
19 opment Act (7 U.S.C. 1926b).

20 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

21 For an additional amount for the “Commodity Credit
22 Corporation” to cover 1996 crop losses resulting from
23 Hurricane Fran and other natural disasters of 1996,
24 \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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2 \$125,000,000, to remain available until expended.

3 INDEPENDENT AGENCY

4 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

5 DISASTER RELIEF

6 For an additional amount for “Disaster Relief” for
7 emergency expenses resulting from Hurricane Fran and
8 other natural disasters of 1996, \$25,000,000, to remain
9 available until expended.

10 **TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

11 **SEC. 201. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.**

12 The Congress hereby designates each amount pro-
13 vided for a program or activity in title I as an emergency
14 requirement for all purposes of the Balanced Budget and
15 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. Such amount
16 shall be available only to the extent of a specific dollar
17 amount for such program or activity that is included in
18 an official budget request submitted by the President to
19 the Congress and that is designated as an emergency re-
20 quirement for all purposes of the Balanced Budget and
21 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 **SEC. 202. WAIVER OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—In administering funds provided
24 in title I, the head of the department or agency involved
25 may waive (or specify an alternative requirement for) any

1 provision of any statute or regulation that the department
2 or agency administers in connection with the obligation
3 by the department or agency (or the use by any recipient)
4 of such funds, upon a finding that such waiver or alter-
5 native requirement is necessary to facilitate the obligation
6 and use of such funds and will not be inconsistent with
7 the overall purpose of the statute or regulation.

8 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
9 any requirement relating to civil rights, fair housing and
10 nondiscrimination, the environment, or labor standards.

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