

105TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4128

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to ensure that States and local governments can quickly and safely remove flood debris so as to reduce the risk and severity of subsequent flooding.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 1998

Mr. GOODLATTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

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. NONINTERFERENCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL**

4 **FLOOD DEBRIS REMOVAL EFFORTS.**

5 The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act
6 is amended by inserting after section 4 (16 U.S.C. 590d)
7 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 5. NONINTERFERENCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL**
2 **FLOOD DEBRIS REMOVAL EFFORTS.**

3 “The Secretary of Agriculture and other executive
4 branch officials and employees may not prohibit or condi-
5 tion the ability of a State or local government to remove
6 from land or waters any rocks, vegetation, soil, or other
7 debris deposited by flood waters when the primary purpose
8 of the removal operation is to reduce the risk and severity
9 of subsequent flooding.”.

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