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H. R. 3786

To modify requirements under the emergency relief program under title 23, United States Code, with respect to projects for repair or reconstruction in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BAKER (for himself, Mr. McCRERY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. MELANCON, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM MODIFICA-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding section
6 125(c)(1) of title 23, United States Code, or any other

1 provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation may obli-
2 gate more than \$100,000,000 in a State for a fiscal year
3 under the emergency relief program authorized by section
4 125 of such title, for projects for the repair or reconstruc-
5 tion of highways, roads, and trails in response to damage
6 caused by Hurricane Katrina.

7 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding section
8 120(e) of such title or any other provision of law, during
9 the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of
10 this Act, the Federal share of the cost of each project de-
11 scribed in subsection (a) shall be 100 percent.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
13 tion to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated,
14 out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
15 priated, for the emergency relief program authorized
16 under section 125 of such title, \$2,900,000,000, to remain
17 available until expended: *Provided*, That the amounts
18 made available under this section are designated as an
19 emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H.
20 Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress).

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