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# H. R. 4081

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Hurricane Assistance  
5 Accountability Commission Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HURRICANE OVERSIGHT BOARD.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a board  
8 (to be known as the “Hurricane Oversight Board”) to  
9 oversee expenditures of emergency appropriation funds for  
10 hurricane.

1 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall consist of—

2 (1) the Secretary of Transportation;

3 (2) the Secretary of the Treasury;

4 (3) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

5 (4) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
6 ices;

7 (5) the Secretary of Defense;

8 (6) the Chairman of the Federal Reserve  
9 Board; and

10 (7) the Comptroller General.

11 (c) DUTIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Hurricane Oversight  
13 Board shall oversee the expenditure of emergency  
14 appropriation funds for hurricane assistance relief to  
15 ensure that funds are used to assist only individuals  
16 in affected areas.

17 (2) DISALLOW A PROJECT OR EXPENDITURE.—

18 A member of the Board may review a project and  
19 any proposed or existing expenditure of appropria-  
20 tion funds for hurricane assistance relief under the  
21 member's area of expertise and, with the agreement  
22 of a majority of members of the Board, disallow a  
23 project or expenditure that such Board member con-  
24 siders ineffective or not cost effective.

1           (d) TERMINATION.—The Hurricane Oversight Com-  
2 mission shall terminate 6 months after the date of enact-  
3 ment of this Act.

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