

Calendar No. 206

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1681

To provide for reimbursement of communities for purchases of supplies distributed to Katrina Survivors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

5 (1) DISASTER PERIOD.—The term “disaster pe-
6 riod” means, with respect to any State that includes
7 an area for which a major disaster has been declared

1 in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T.
2 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) as a result of Hurricane
4 Katrina, the period beginning on the earliest date on
5 which any area of the State was so declared and
6 ending on the latest date for which any such dec-
7 laration of an area of the State terminates.

8 (2) KATRINA SURVIVOR.—The term “Katrina
9 Survivor” means an individual who—

10 (A) resides in an area for which a major
11 disaster has been declared in accordance with
12 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
13 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
14 5170) as a result of Hurricane Katrina; or

15 (B) resided in an area described in sub-
16 paragraph (A) during the 7 days immediately
17 preceding the declaration of a major disaster
18 described in subparagraph (A).

19 (3) MAJOR DISASTER.—The term “major dis-
20 aster” has the meaning given the term in section
21 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
22 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

23 (b) REIMBURSEMENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
25 and subsection (c), notwithstanding any other provi-

1 sion of law, the President shall reimburse a commu-
2 nity for each purchase of supplies (such as food, per-
3 sonal hygiene products, linens, and clothing) distrib-
4 uted to Katrina Survivors in an amount equal to
5 100 percent of the amount expended for the pur-
6 chase.

7 (2) ELIGIBLE PURCHASES.—Reimbursement
8 under paragraph (1)—

9 (A) shall be available only with respect to
10 supplies that—

11 (i) are purchased with taxpayer dol-
12 lars; and

13 (ii) would otherwise be eligible for re-
14 imbursement if purchased by a Katrina
15 Survivor; and

16 (B) shall not be available with respect to
17 any supplies purchased with funds from a char-
18 itable contribution.

19 (c) PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY.—This section and
20 the authority provided by this section apply only to a com-
21 munity assisting Katrina Survivors from a State during
22 the disaster period of the State.

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