

## Calendar No. 209

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1684

To clarify which expenses relating to emergency shelters for Katrina Survivors are eligible for Federal reimbursement.

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### 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

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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. EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

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) EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—

24 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to  
25 subsection (c), the President shall reimburse a State or

1 local government in which an emergency shelter for  
2 Katrina Survivors is operating for expenses incurred by  
3 the State or local government resulting from the operation  
4 of the shelter (such as overtime wages paid to police offi-  
5 cers to ensure the provision of adequate coverage to por-  
6 tions of the State or locality other than the emergency  
7 shelter), regardless of whether the expenses were incurred  
8 for goods or services provided at the location of the emer-  
9 gency shelter.

10 (c) PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY.—This section and  
11 the authority provided by this section apply only to ex-  
12 penses incurred as a result of the operation of an emer-  
13 gency shelter for Katrina Survivors from a State during  
14 the disaster period of the State.

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