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To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PRYOR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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; DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “FEMA Accountability Act of 2009”.

6 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act—

1 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
2 ministrator of FEMA;

3 (2) the terms “emergency” and “major dis-
4 aster” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
5 tion 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
6 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122);
7 and

8 (3) the term “FEMA” means the Federal
9 Emergency Management Agency.

10 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER, STORAGE, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF**
11 **HOUSING UNITS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 months after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall—

14 (1) complete an assessment to determine the
15 number of temporary housing units purchased by
16 FEMA that FEMA needs to maintain in stock to re-
17 spond appropriately to emergencies or major disas-
18 ters occurring after the date of enactment of this
19 Act; and

20 (2) establish criteria for determining whether
21 the individual temporary housing units stored by
22 FEMA are in usable condition, which shall include
23 appropriate criteria for formaldehyde testing and ex-
24 posure of the individual temporary housing units.

25 (b) PLAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
3 trator shall establish a plan for—

4 (A) storing the number of temporary hous-
5 ing units that the Administrator has deter-
6 mined under subsection (a)(1) that FEMA
7 needs to maintain in stock;

8 (B) transferring, selling, or otherwise dis-
9 posing of the temporary housing units in the in-
10 ventory of FEMA that—

11 (i) are in excess of the number of
12 temporary housing units that the Adminis-
13 trator has determined under subsection
14 (a)(1) that FEMA needs to maintain in
15 stock; and

16 (ii) are in usable condition, based on
17 the criteria established under subsection
18 (a)(2); and

19 (C) disposing of the temporary housing
20 units in the inventory of FEMA that the Ad-
21 ministrator determines are not in usable condi-
22 tion, based on the criteria established under
23 subsection (a)(2).

24 (2) APPLICABILITY OF DISPOSAL REQUIRE-
25 MENTS.—The plan established under paragraph (1)

1 shall be subject to the requirements of section
2 408(d)(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
3 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
4 5174(d)(2)) and other applicable provisions of law.

5 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 9 months
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
7 shall implement the plan described in subsection (b).

8 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
10 to the appropriate committees of the Senate and the
11 House of Representatives a report on the status of the
12 transfer, distribution, sale, or other disposal of the unused
13 temporary housing units purchased by FEMA.

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