

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 596 of the House bill, and sections 1034, 1092, and title XXXV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BOEHLERT, SMITH of Michigan, and GORDON.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 807 and 3601 of the House bill, and sections 805, 822, 823, 912, and 1083 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. MANZULLO, Mrs. KELLY, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 555, 558, 596, 601, 905, 1051, 1063, 1072, and 3502 of the House bill, and section 321, 323, 325, 717, 1066, 1076, 1091, 2828, 2833–2836, and title XXXV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YOUNG of Alaska, DUNCAN, and CAPUANO.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of the sections 2810 and 2831 of the House bill, and sections 642, 2821, and 2823 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SMITH of New Jersey, BROWN of South Carolina, and MICHAUD.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 585 of the House bill, and section 653 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHAW, CAMP, and RANGEL.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

COMMENDING RESILIENCY OF PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND WORK OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSISTED WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS AFTER HURRICANES CHARLEY, FRANCES, AND IVAN

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 784) commending the resiliency of the people of the State of Florida and the work of those individuals who have assisted with the recovery efforts after the devastation caused by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Ivan, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 784

Whereas on August 13, 2004, Hurricane Charley reached landfall and blasted the southwest region of the State of Florida with 145 mile per hour winds and 10-foot storm surges;

Whereas on September 4, 2004, Hurricane Frances reached landfall and battered the east coast and central region of Florida with 105 mile per hour winds and up to 17 inches of rain;

Whereas on September 16, 2004, Hurricane Ivan reached landfall and devastated the panhandle region of Florida with 130 mile per hour winds and estimated 16-foot storm surges;

Whereas on September 26, 2004, Hurricane Jeanne reached landfall and struck the east coast of Florida with 120 mile per hour winds;

Whereas in Florida, 27 people lost their lives due to Hurricane Charley, 30 people lost their lives from the devastation caused by Hurricane Frances, 21 people lost their lives from the destruction of Hurricane Ivan, and 6 people lost their lives as a result of Hurricane Jeanne;

Whereas tens of thousands of homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed by the four hurricanes;

Whereas insured property losses from Hurricane Charley are estimated at almost \$7,000,000,000, losses from Hurricane Frances are estimated at up to \$4,000,000,000, and losses from Hurricane Ivan are estimated at up to \$10,000,000,000;

Whereas more than 20,000 farms were in the path of Hurricane Frances, resulting in more than \$2,000,000,000 in damage to the Florida agriculture community;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry in Florida faces billions of dollars in lost revenue;

Whereas power outages caused by the hurricanes have affected more than 6,000,000 people;

Whereas Florida Governor Jeb Bush took immediate action by declaring a major disaster for the entire State of Florida and deploying necessary resources to deal with this crisis;

Whereas the Florida Division of Emergency Management officials did an outstanding job coordinating efforts among Federal, State, and local entities;

Whereas Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response, responded quickly to each of the disasters;

Whereas the Federal Emergency Management Agency has more than 2,700 agency workers helping with recovery efforts;

Whereas State, local, and municipal elected officials in Florida diligently voiced the concerns and needs of their respective communities;

Whereas State and local police officers, firefighters, and first responders went above and beyond the call of duty in responding to the four hurricanes;

Whereas Florida Emergency Operations Center personnel worked tirelessly to direct relief efforts;

Whereas the National Guard was quick to mobilize more than 4,100 troops to help in the relief effort;

Whereas doctors, nurses, and medical personnel worked expeditiously to ensure that hospitals and medical centers continued providing necessary care to their communities;

Whereas the American Red Cross and other volunteer organizations and charities are supplying hurricane victims with food, water, and shelter;

Whereas utility companies have worked around-the-clock shifts to restore electric, phone, cable, and water service to damaged areas;

Whereas the Army Corps of Engineers has worked to reinforce thousands of homes with roof damage;

Whereas the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration did an extraordinary

job providing accurate forecasts of these four devastating storms; and

Whereas thousands of volunteers from across the country have donated their time and resources to help with recovery efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives commends the resiliency of the people of the State of Florida and the work of those individuals who have assisted with the recovery efforts after the devastation caused by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the great State of Florida, as we all have seen during the past days, have endured one of the deadliest and most overwhelming hurricane seasons in history. This past weekend, Hurricane Jeanne ravaged Florida's Atlantic coast and became the fourth storm to hammer my State in 6 weeks. For the fourth time, thousands of Floridians were forced into shelters to outlast another powerful hurricane. They lost power, they lost possessions, and they emerged to salvage a few belongings from their damaged homes.

Those Floridians stood in lines waiting for meals, ice; and now they have begun the difficult task to repair their damaged or destroyed homes, to save and put together, find their belongings, all while tolerating Florida's most difficult heat.

But worse than all these inconveniences the storms brought, unfortunately, many Floridians again learned that another storm had taken some of their family, some of their friends, and some of their neighbors. We extend our deepest sympathy to all those who lost their loved ones in these natural tragedies.

The chronology of the Sunshine State's August and September goes like this, and it is an unbelievable scenario: first, Hurricane Charley pounded Florida's southwest coast with nearly 150-mile-an-hour winds on Friday, August 13. It caused approximately some \$7 billion in damage.

Then on September 4, Hurricane Frances punished practically the entire State as it moved in a very slow fashion across the entire peninsula during Labor Day weekend. Property damage from Frances is estimated to cost some \$4 billion.