

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1541

To allow for expanded uses of funding allocated to Louisiana under the hazard mitigation program while preserving the goals of the program to reduce future damage from disasters through mitigation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2007

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

A BILL

To allow for expanded uses of funding allocated to Louisiana under the hazard mitigation program while preserving the goals of the program to reduce future damage from disasters through mitigation.

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 “Providing for Com-
5 monsense Rebuilding Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF RESTRICTION ON USE OF**
2 **AMOUNTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (b), and
4 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Adminis-
5 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
6 shall not prohibit the use by the State of Louisiana under
7 the Road Home Program of that State of any amounts
8 described in subsection (c), based upon the existence or
9 extent of any requirement or condition under that pro-
10 gram that—

11 (1) limits the amount made available to an eli-
12 gible homeowner who does not agree to remain an
13 owner and occupant of a home in Louisiana; or

14 (2) waives the applicability of any limitation de-
15 scribed in paragraph (1) for eligible homeowners
16 who are elderly or senior citizens.

17 (b) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—Except as provided in sub-
18 section (a), section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
19 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c)
20 shall apply to amounts described in subsection (c) that are
21 used by the State of Louisiana under the Road Home Pro-
22 gram of that State.

23 (c) **COVERED AMOUNTS.**—The amounts described in
24 this subsection are any amounts provided to the State of
25 Louisiana because of Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurri-
26 cane Rita of 2005 under the hazard mitigation grant pro-

1 gram of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
2 under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
3 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170e).

