

House Committee on Appropriations pursuant to House Report 106-288 to reflect \$7,200,000,000 in additional new budget authority and \$4,817,000,000 in additional outlays for emergencies. This will increase the allocation to the House Committee on Appropriations to \$561,834,000,000 in budget authority and \$597,532,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2000. This will increase the aggregate total to \$1,452,283,000,000 in budget authority and \$1,434,669,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2000.

As reported to the House, H.R. 2561, the conference report accompanying the bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2000, includes \$7,200,000,000 in budget authority and \$4,817,000,000 in outlays for emergencies.

These adjustments shall apply while the legislation is under consideration and shall take effect upon final enactment of the legislation. Questions may be directed to Art Sauer or Jim Bates at x6-7270.

ADDITIONAL REVISIONS TO ALLOCATION FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, PURSUANT TO HOUSE REPORT 106-288, TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS FOR EMERGENCIES

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to sec. 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby submit for printing in the Congressional Record revisions to the allocation for the House Committee on Appropriations pursuant to House Report 106-288 to reflect \$2,310,000,000 in additional new budget authority and \$1,591,000,000 in additional outlays for emergencies. The bill also includes \$405,000,000 in additional budget authority and \$352,000,000 in additional outlays in continuing disabilities reviews, as well as \$20,000,000 in additional budget authority and \$12,000,000 in additional outlays for adoption incentive payments. This will increase the allocation to the House Committee on Appropriations to \$554,634,000,000 in budget authority and \$592,715,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2000. This will increase the aggregate total to \$1,445,083,000,000 in budget authority and \$1,429,852,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2000.

As reported to the House, H.R. 3037, the bill making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2000, includes \$2,310,000,000 in budget authority and \$1,591,000,000 in outlays for emergencies. The bill also includes \$405,000,000 in budget authority and \$352,000,000 in outlays in continuing disabilities reviews, as well as \$20,000,000 in budget authority and \$12,000,000 in outlays for adoption incentive payments.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THE CONTINUING IMPACT OF HURRICANE FLOYD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise again to remind my colleagues that the impact of Hurricane Floyd continues to affect the people of North Carolina and the people of the eastern shore, from Florida all the way to New York. There have been deaths even up as far as Vermont.

But in North Carolina, that devastation is of untold proportions. There are more than 58,000 people now that have responded to the opportunity to call FEMA's intake line indicating they need assistance through FEMA. They need assistance immediately, and this government and this body needs to act.

I want to say that the people of America have been just tremendously generous in responding and having compassion and showing sensitivity, and by giving of their own personal goods or their organizations or churches or relief organizations.

But that is insufficient to respond to the needs of the 58,000 people who have lost their homes. Some have lost their income, the facilities or the infrastructure that they are accustomed to using, their wastewater system, their water system.

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I met today in Greenville with farmers from around four counties. There were approximately 80 or more farmers who had come along with members of the agricultural community to talk about their loss and to recognize that as the relief funds now are constructed they are likely not to be included in that relief. If a farmer has lost his machinery or his livestock or his crops, how do we use that as a way of mitigating his loss? Only through now, as the law is constructed, only through a loan. Many of our small farmers are really on the fringes now of not knowing whether they will stay in business.

I met with the grangers on Friday on the report from the North Carolina Grangers Society. There may be as much as 18 to 20 percent of the farmers going out of business now. I would say that many of the farmers were having problems before now, but if we compound the impact of losing 120,000 hogs, 2.5 million chickens, almost a million turkeys and livestock, we compound that with having low prices and calamities from the drought, one begins to get a sense of the devastation and the suffering and the uncertainty of tomorrow that these farmers are also experiencing.

Not only farmers but small businesses, small businesses in Edgecombe County and Tarboro today said many of them in the downtown area, they were small businesses, they might have had 3 to 5 employees. They are not sure that a loan is what is going to help them. Many of them said when they

look at their creditworthiness, meaning how much debt they have in relation to income, already they are at the margin of not being credit-worthy. So we have to begin to think about new structures to respond to both our farmers and our small businesses.

I know the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. ROUKEMA) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) and gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. KELLY) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER) have begun to work, and I am working with that group, to see how we can ask this Congress to look at maybe a one-time effort to give some relief indeed to both small businesses and farmers. I just want to urge my colleagues to consider that.

Finally, let me just say that we begin to think that this only affects people in North Carolina. Well, on Saturday night, there was a family that had come from this area, had come down to visit their relatives in the home county I live in, in Warren County, a young man who is a young professional, 41 years of age and into computer science, had come to visit his relatives and had gone a familiar road but did not see the sign or the sign was not very well displayed. There was a detour and the waters under that bridge were flooding above the bridge and that family of five in that van ended up in the water and the 8-year-old is dead today and the other four members of that family, from this area, are now in serious and critical condition at Duke University. So the impact is tremendous.

Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity to respond to this tragedy. We have an opportunity to show that this government is responsive as Americans to us, and we will indeed do the right thing. I urge us to do a relief program that is responsive to the needs of all the people who are in the area of Hurricane Floyd.

THERE IS SORROW WHEN ANYONE IS LOST, BUT ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHERWOOD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are several items that I would like to address this evening. Earlier today in debate, I acknowledged that this past weekend, 6 of our young people in the State of Texas died by way of a tragic automobile accident. I do want to make it clear, as I was speaking at the time of the debate on the Hillory J. Farias date-rape drug, that the incident did not involve drugs, but as someone who advocates for children, along with many of my colleagues in this House, I wanted to be able to offer sympathy to the families of those wonderful young people and as well the institutions of higher learning that all of them were then attending,