

Union Calendar No. 430

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3348

[Report No. 104-792]

To direct the President to establish standards and criteria for the provision of major disaster and emergency assistance in response to snow-related events.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1996

Mr. QUINN (for himself, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. KING, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BLUTE, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

Additional sponsors: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. NORTON

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 29, 1996]

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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.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Snow Removal Policy*
5 *Act of 1996”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *Congress finds that—*

8 *(1) winter snow storms in recent years, and par-*
9 *ticularly in 1996, have interrupted essential public*
10 *services and utilities, caused widespread disruption of*
11 *vital transportation networks, stranded many motor-*
12 *ists, and isolated many homes and businesses;*

13 *(2) the impact of the winter snow storms was of*
14 *such severity and magnitude that effective response*
15 *was beyond the capability of State and local govern-*
16 *ments;*

17 *(3) the policy of the Federal Emergency Manage-*
18 *ment Agency for providing major disaster and emer-*
19 *gency assistance in response to snow-related events is*
20 *unclear; and*

21 *(4) regulations should be promulgated for provid-*
22 *ing major disaster and emergency assistance in re-*
23 *sponse to snow-related events in order to ensure the*
24 *fair treatment of States and local governments that*
25 *have incurred costs associated with such a response.*

1 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND CRI-**
2 **TERIA FOR SNOW-RELATED EVENTS.**

3 (a) *NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING.*—*The Presi-*
4 *dent, acting through the Director of the Federal Emergency*
5 *Management Agency, shall issue a notice of proposed rule-*
6 *making to promulgate—*

7 (1) *standards and criteria for declaring a major*
8 *disaster or emergency under the Robert T. Stafford*
9 *Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in re-*
10 *sponse to a snow-related event; and*

11 (2) *standards and criteria for providing assist-*
12 *ance under such Act in the case of a snow-related*
13 *major disaster or emergency, including reimburse-*
14 *ment for snow removal and for debris removal and*
15 *emergency protective measures.*

16 (b) *REQUIREMENT.*—*Rules to be promulgated under*
17 *this section shall ensure that in determining the eligibility*
18 *of a State or local government for assistance in connection*
19 *with a snow-related event, the President will give consider-*
20 *ation to existing capabilities of the State or local govern-*
21 *ment.*

22 (c) *DEADLINES.*—*The President, acting through the*
23 *Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,*
24 *shall issue—*

1 (1) *a proposed rule under this section not later*
2 *than 3 months after the date of the enactment of this*
3 *Act; and*

4 (2) *a final rule under this section not later than*
5 *9 months after such date of enactment.*

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