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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Smart Housing in Disasters Act of 2011”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF MAJOR DISASTER.

Section 102(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(2)) is amended by inserting “catastrophic incident (as defined in section 501 of the Homeland Security Act (6 U.S.C. 311),” before “or, regardless of cause”.

SEC. 3. LIFECYCLE AND TRACKING PLAN.

Section 683 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 772) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) ANNEX TO NATIONAL DISASTER HOUSING STRATEGY.—

“(1) DEVELOPMENT OF LIFECYCLE AND TRACKING PLAN.—The Administrator shall develop a lifecycle and tracking plan for housing units provided to individuals and households affected by an emergency or major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) that establishes policies for procurement, delivery, installation, maintenance, deactivation, and disposal of the units.

“(2) CONTENTS.—The plan shall—
“(A) emphasize the acquisition of housing units that can be recycled and reused for multiple emergencies or major disasters; and

“(B) include a process for the Administrator to track each housing unit from the date of acquisition of the unit through the date of disposal of the unit.

“(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report containing the plan.”.

SEC. 4. DISPOSAL OF HOUSING UNITS UNSUITABLE FOR HABITATION.

Section 408(d)(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) DISPOSAL OF HOUSING UNITS UNSUITABLE FOR HABITATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If the President determines that a temporary housing unit purchased under this section by the President for housing disaster victims is unsuitable for habitation, before disposal of the
unit through sale to a recycler or other purchaser, the President shall alter the unit in a manner that will prevent the unit from being used for habitation.

“(ii) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in this subparagraph shall affect the President’s ability to dispose of surplus real property in accordance with section 545(b)(8) of title 40, United States Code.”.