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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “Safeguarding Disaster Funding Act of 2011”.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.
Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the following:
“(39)(A) An allowance for disaster funding of at least the average amount of disaster funding for the previous 10 years, excluding the highest and lowest years. The amount of this allowance shall be calculated by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and submitted to the President.

“(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘disaster funding’—

“(i) means funding—

“(I) provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) for an emergency declared under section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191) or a major disaster declared under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

“(II) for disaster assistance provided under section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)); and

“(III) for disaster assistance provided by the Secretary of Agriculture; and
“(ii) includes funding provided under sections 304 and 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5147 and 5187).”.

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE BBA.

Section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

“(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘disaster relief’ shall have the same meaning given the term ‘disaster funding’ in section 1105(a)(39)(B) of title 31, United States Code.”.