

## Calendar No. 252

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 594**

To amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Reported by Mr. PAUL, with an amendment

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

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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 “Helping Eliminate  
5       Limitations for Prompt Response and Recovery Act” or  
6       the “HELP Response and Recovery Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE DHS CONTRACTING RE-**  
 2 **QUIREMENTS.**

3 The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform  
 4 Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–295; 120 Stat. 1394) is  
 5 amended by striking section 695 (6 U.S.C. 794).

6 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

7 (a) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section, the  
 8 term “covered period” means—

9 (1) with respect to an initial report required  
 10 under subsection (b), the period between the date of  
 11 enactment of this Act and the date of the report;  
 12 and

13 (2) with respect to any succeeding report re-  
 14 quired under subsection (b), the period between the  
 15 date of the most recent report and the succeeding  
 16 report.

17 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 540 days after  
 18 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter  
 19 until the date that is 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of  
 20 Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee on  
 21 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
 22 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-  
 23 ture of the House of Representatives a report that—

24 (1) reviews how the repeal under section 2  
 25 has—

26 (A) prevented waste, fraud, and abuse; and

1           ~~(B)~~ promoted taxpayer savings; and  
 2           ~~(2)~~ includes, with respect to a contract entered  
 3       into or extended by the Administrator of the Federal  
 4       Emergency Management Agency under urgent and  
 5       compelling circumstances during the covered period  
 6       for which the Administrator did not solicit bids—

7           ~~(A)~~ the number of those contracts;

8           ~~(B)~~ the subject of each contract;

9           ~~(C)~~ the amounts obligated by the Adminis-  
 10       trator for each contract;

11          ~~(D)~~ if applicable, the State benefitted by  
 12       each contract; and

13          ~~(E)~~ if applicable, the name of the major  
 14       disaster or emergency for which each contract  
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