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H. R. 3420

To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue appropriate guidance for use by victims of disasters in their application to charitable organizations for relief.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2001

Mr. HAYWORTH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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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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. IRS GUIDANCE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RE-**
4 **LIEF FOR VICTIMS OF DISASTERS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

6 (1) the disaster resulting from the terrorist at-
7 tacks of September 11th was unprecedented for the
8 United States,

1 (2) the disaster has been hard on survivors both
2 financially and emotionally,

3 (3) the American people have been incredibly
4 generous in their charitable contributions in re-
5 sponse to the attacks,

6 (4) it is clear that many survivors of the at-
7 tacks are experiencing difficulty accessing charitable
8 resources,

9 (5) it is important to get assistance to affected
10 parties through a simple and rapid process,

11 (6) charities should be encouraged to work to-
12 gether to assist survivors, and

13 (7) one step charities could take would be to
14 streamline the application process for survivors by
15 implementing a simple, standard application form to
16 be used in the aftermath of disasters such as the
17 disaster resulting from the terrorist attacks of Sep-
18 tember 11th.

19 (b) SECRETARIAL GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of the
20 Treasury shall, through short, simple forms and other ap-
21 propriate guidance, make information publicly available
22 for use by victims of disasters in their application to chari-
23 table organizations for relief from their need or distress.

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