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H. R. 3740

To provide for the issuance of a special postage stamp in order to afford a convenient means by which members of the public may contribute to Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hurricane Katrina
5 Disaster Relief Stamp Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMP.**

2 In order to afford the public a convenient means by
3 which to contribute to disaster relief for residents of Lou-
4 isiana, Mississippi, and Alabama who were affected by
5 Hurricane Katrina, the United States Postal Service shall
6 provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal in accord-
7 ance with section 416 of title 39, United States Code, sub-
8 ject to the following:

9 (1) DISPOSITION OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—All
10 amounts becoming available from the sale of the
11 semipostal shall be transferred by the Postal Service
12 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund for
13 Hurricane Katrina under such arrangements as the
14 Postal Service and the American Red Cross shall by
15 mutual agreement establish in order to carry out the
16 purposes of this Act.

17 (2) NO EFFECT ON AUTHORITY TO ISSUE
18 OTHER STAMPS.—No semipostal issued pursuant to
19 this Act shall be taken into account for purposes of
20 applying any numerical limitation established under
21 section 416(e)(1)(C) of such title 39.

22 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

23 For purposes of this Act—

24 (1) the term “semipostal” has the meaning
25 given such term by section 416(a)(1) of title 39,
26 United States Code;

1 (2) any determination of the “amounts becom-
2 ing available” from the sale of the semipostal shall
3 be made in accordance with section 416(d) of such
4 title 39; and

5 (3) the term “American Red Cross Disaster Re-
6 lief Fund for Hurricane Katrina” refers to the fund
7 or funds of the American Red Cross—

8 (A) used to provide disaster relief to the
9 victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

10 (B) specifically identified under the terms
11 of the agreement under section 2(1).

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