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# H. R. 3797

To prohibit the expenditure of funds for the construction or lease of buildings or space for the United States Government until January 1, 2007.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. GOODE, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. MARCHANT, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) While the United States comes together to  
6       rebuild the devastated Gulf Coast Region, the Fed-  
7       eral Government must tighten its fiscal belt to ease  
8       the burden on the taxpayers.

1           (2) The citizens of the country not affected by  
2           the devastating Hurricane Katrina are contributing  
3           to pay for the rescue and repair of the region.

4           (3) The Federal Government has a responsi-  
5           bility to the taxpayers to make sacrifices in other  
6           areas while helping those in dire need of financial re-  
7           sources.

8           (4) Federal funds that otherwise would be spent  
9           on new construction or leasing of Federal buildings  
10          would be better spent helping victims of Hurricane  
11          Katrina.

12 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OR LEASING**  
13                           **OF NEW FEDERAL BUILDINGS UNTIL JANU-**  
14                           **ARY 2007.**

15          (a) PROHIBITION.—No funds may be expended for  
16          the construction or lease of buildings or space for any  
17          branch of the United States Government or any entity  
18          within such branch, unless a contract for the construction  
19          or lease was entered into before the date of the enactment  
20          of this Act.

21          (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition in subsection (a)  
22          does not apply in any case in which—

23                  (1) the funds are to be used for any construc-  
24                  tion to rebuild the Gulf Coast region devastated by  
25                  Hurricane Katrina; or

1           (2) the expenditure of funds for the purposes  
2           described in subsection (a) is necessary in the inter-  
3           ests of national security.

4           (c) EXPIRATION.—The prohibition under subsection  
5 (a) shall expire on January 1, 2007.

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