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H. R. 3810

To establish a Special Inspectors General Council for Hurricane Katrina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. PLATTS (for himself and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, 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

To establish a Special Inspectors General Council for
Hurricane Katrina.

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. SPECIAL INSPECTORS GENERAL COUNCIL FOR**
4 **HURRICANE KATRINA.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the ex-
6 ecutive branch a Special Inspectors General Council for
7 Hurricane Katrina (in this section referred to as the
8 “Council”).

1 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of the Council
2 shall be as follows:

3 (1) The Inspector General of the Department of
4 Homeland Security, who shall act as Chairman of
5 the Council.

6 (2) The Inspector General of each of the fol-
7 lowing entities:

8 (A) The Department of Defense.

9 (B) The Department of Agriculture.

10 (C) The Department of Health and
11 Human Services.

12 (D) The Department of Housing and
13 Urban Development.

14 (E) The Department of Transportation.

15 (F) The Small Business Administration.

16 (G) The General Services Administration.

17 (H) The Environmental Protection Agency.

18 (3) Such other members as the Chairman of the
19 Council may appoint as determined necessary.

20 (c) FUNCTIONS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council is designated as
22 the principal interagency forum for ensuring appro-
23 priate and effective oversight of and accountability
24 for the expenditure of funds relating to recovery
25 from Hurricane Katrina.

1 (2) SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Council
2 shall perform functions that include the following:

3 (A) Facilitate the immediate opening of
4 Council offices in the Gulf Coast region, with
5 auditor and investigative personnel detailed and
6 deployed immediately as needed.

7 (B) Establish hotlines and websites to re-
8 port waste, fraud, and abuse.

9 (C) Provide continuous monitoring and re-
10 porting relating to the recovery efforts to the
11 heads of the Federal entities that are members
12 of the Council and to Congress pursuant to the
13 requirements of the Inspector General Act of
14 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)

15 (D) Ensure that each member of the
16 Council listed in subsection (b)(2) effectively
17 carries out the duties specified in the Inspector
18 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

19 (d) REPORTS.—The Chairman of the Council shall
20 submit to the President and Congress semiannual reports
21 summarizing the activities of the Council.

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$35,000,000 to
24 the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Se-
25 curity for implementing this Act.

1 (f) TERMINATION.—The Council shall terminate one
2 year after the date on which the Secretary of Homeland
3 Security determines that all Federal funds related to the
4 Hurricane Katrina recovery effort have been expended.

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