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H. R. 3815

To ensure that communities are prepared for evacuation in case of a major disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. MEEK of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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in case of a major disaster.

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 “American Evacuation
5 Planning Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EVACUATION PREPARATION.**

7 Section 507(a)(2) of the Homeland Security Act (6
8 U.S.C. 317) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D),
10 and (E) as (D), (E), and (F), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(C) of preparing communities and individ-
4 uals, particularly individuals with special needs
5 (including low-income individuals and families,
6 the homeless, the elderly, and individuals who
7 do not understand English), for evacuation
8 from a major disaster by coordinating with
9 State and local governments in preparing or im-
10 proving community evacuation plans and en-
11 couraging individuals to establish a personal
12 plan to reduce the harm to individuals, busi-
13 nesses, and governments from such disaster; ”.

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