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H. R. 4143

To provide for relief payments to private and public hospitals that temporarily ceased to operate because of a mandatory evacuation order issued in anticipation of Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2005

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 “Help Hospitals Re-
5 cover Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELIEF PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS AFFECTED BY**
2 **HURRICANE RITA.**

3 (a) PAYMENTS.—The Director of the Federal Emer-
4 gency Management Agency shall make a payment in the
5 amount described in subsection (b) to each private or pub-
6 lic hospital that temporarily ceased to operate because of
7 a mandatory evacuation order issued in anticipation of
8 Hurricane Rita.

9 (b) AMOUNT.—The amount of a payment to a hos-
10 pital under subsection (a) shall be equal to the amount
11 of revenue lost by the hospital as a result of the cessation
12 of operations described in such subsection.

13 **SEC. 3. FUNDING.**

14 (a) APPROPRIATION.—

15 (1) IDENTIFICATION OF AGGREGATE
16 AMOUNT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of
17 the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
18 of Management and Budget shall determine and
19 publish in the Federal Register the aggregate
20 amount of revenue lost by private and public hos-
21 pitals as a result of the cessation of operations de-
22 scribed in section 2(a).

23 (2) APPROPRIATION.—There is hereby appro-
24 priated, out of any money in the Treasury not other-
25 wise appropriated, for the Federal Emergency Man-
26 agement Agency for fiscal year 2006, an amount

1 equal to the aggregate amount determined by the
2 Director of the Office of Management and Budget
3 pursuant to paragraph (1), which amount shall be
4 used for the purpose of carrying out section 2.

5 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (2) shall
6 take effect on the date of the determination by the
7 Director of the Office of Management and Budget
8 pursuant to paragraph (1).

9 (b) RESCISSION OF OTHER APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 (1) RESCISSIONS.—Each of the amounts appro-
11 priated in a regular appropriations Act for fiscal
12 year 2006 for the activities described in paragraph
13 (2) is hereby rescinded by an equal percentage and
14 in the amount necessary to ensure that the aggre-
15 gate amount of rescissions under this paragraph is
16 equal to the amount of the appropriation under sub-
17 section (a)(2).

18 (2) ACTIVITIES.—The activities described in
19 this paragraph are the following:

20 (A) Construction of new embassies.

21 (B) Support for the international financial
22 institutions.

23 (C) International population planning as-
24 sistance.

1 (D) Support for the United Nation’s hu-
2 manitarian mission.

3 (E) Support for the National Endowment
4 for Democracy.

5 (F) The activities of the committees of the
6 House of Representatives.

7 (3) DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
8 INSTITUTIONS.—In paragraph (2)(B), the term
9 “international financial institutions” means the
10 International Bank for Reconstruction and Develop-
11 ment, the Inter-American Development Bank, the
12 Asian Development Bank, the Asian Development
13 Fund, the African Development Bank, the African
14 Development Fund, the International Monetary
15 Fund, the North American Development Bank, and
16 the European Bank for Reconstruction and Develop-
17 ment.

18 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall
19 take effect immediately after the enactment of all of
20 the regular appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2006
21 appropriating amounts described in such paragraph.

22 (5) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the
23 effective date of paragraph (1), the Director of the
24 Office of Management and Budget shall submit to
25 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of

- 1 Representatives and the Senate a report specifying
- 2 the account and amount of each rescission under
- 3 such paragraph.

