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H. R. 4397

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BACA, and Mr. McNULTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Returning Competence
5 and Credibility to American Disaster Management”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**

7 (a) DIRECTOR.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Emergency
9 Management Agency shall be headed by a Director

1 who shall be appointed by the President, by and
2 with the consent of the Senate.

3 (2) TERM OF APPOINTMENT.—The term of a
4 Director appointed after the date of enactment of
5 this Act shall be for a period of five years.

6 (b) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Fed-
8 eral Emergency Management Agency a Deputy Di-
9 rector who shall be appointed by the President, by
10 and with the consent of the Senate.

11 (2) DIRECTOR VACANCY.—In the case of a va-
12 cancy of the Director position, the Deputy Director
13 may not fill such position, except as a temporary
14 acting Director, unless the Deputy Director is ap-
15 pointed to such position by the President, by and
16 with the consent of the Senate.

17 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Director and Deputy Di-
18 rector of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
19 shall be appointed from among persons who have extensive
20 background in emergency and disaster-related manage-
21 ment.

22 (d) ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW.—Not later than 14
23 days after the President nominates an individual for the
24 position of Director or Deputy Director of the Federal
25 Emergency Management Agency, the Chairman of the

- 1 Joint Chiefs of Staff shall assess the qualifications and
- 2 background of such individual and report the findings of
- 3 the assessment to Congress.

