

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4888

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2006

Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MELANCON, and Mr. JINDAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONSISTENT COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS**  
2 **UNDER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTEC-**  
3 **TION PROGRAM.**

4 Section 102 of title I of division B of Public Law  
5 109–148 (119 Stat. 2748) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
7 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection (c):

10 “(c) **WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF COST-SHARE RE-**  
11 **QUIREMENT.**—The Secretary of Agriculture may waive or  
12 reduce the non-Federal cost share requirement imposed by  
13 subsection (b) in cases in which the Secretary determines  
14 that immediate action is or was required for environmental  
15 or safety concerns and the local partner cannot or could  
16 not financially participate.”.

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