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S. 1763

To promote the employment of workers displaced by Hurricane Katrina in connection with Hurricane Katrina reconstruction efforts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Hurricane Katrina Re-
5 construction and Displaced Worker Assistance Act of
6 2005”.

7 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL CONTRACTING REQUIREMENT.**

8 In entering into a contract to procure services in con-
9 nection with Hurricane Katrina reconstruction efforts, the
10 head of an executive agency shall give a preference in the

1 source selection process to each offeror that employs work-
 2 ers who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina as not
 3 less than 25 percent of the workforce that will perform
 4 such services.

5 **SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the President’s
 7 proclamation of September 8, 2005, and any other provi-
 8 sion of law, all laborers and mechanics employed by con-
 9 tractors or subcontractors in the performance of Federal
 10 contracts for the procurement of services in connection
 11 with Hurricane Katrina reconstruction efforts shall be
 12 paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing for simi-
 13 lar work in the locality involved as determined by the Sec-
 14 retary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chap-
 15 ter 31 of title 40, United States Code.

16 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary Labor shall have,
 17 with respect to the labor standards specified in this sec-
 18 tion, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganiza-
 19 tion Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (15 Fed. Reg. 3176) and
 20 section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

21 **SEC. 4. EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.**

22 In this Act, the term “executive agency” has the
 23 meaning given such term in section 4 of the Office of Fed-
 24 eral Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

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