

Union Calendar No. 310

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3176

[Report No. 115–418]

To prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from recouping certain assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. POLIS, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. FASO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. GAETZ and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 11, 2017]

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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 “Disaster Assistance*
5 *Fairness and Accountability Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. RECOUPMENT OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE PROHIB-**
7 **ITED.**

8 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding section 3716(e) of*
9 *title 31, United States Code, and unless there is evidence*
10 *of civil or criminal fraud, the Federal Emergency Manage-*
11 *ment Agency may not take any action to recoup covered*
12 *assistance from the recipient of such assistance if the receipt*
13 *of such assistance occurred on a date that is more than 3*
14 *years before the date on which the Federal Emergency Man-*
15 *agement Agency first provides to the recipient written noti-*
16 *fication of an intent to recoup.*

17 (b) *COVERED ASSISTANCE DEFINED.*—*In this section,*
18 *the term “covered assistance” means assistance provided—*

19 (1) *under section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford*
20 *Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42*
21 *U.S.C. 5174); and*

22 (2) *in relation to a major disaster declared by*
23 *the President under section 401 of such Act (42*
24 *U.S.C. 5170) on or after January 1, 2012.*

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