

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 8266  
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA**

At the end of the bill add the following:

1 **SEC. 4. UNMET NEED ASSISTANCE.**

2 Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
3 Emergency Assistance Act is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 **“SEC. 431. UNMET NEEDS ASSISTANCE.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—After the declaration of a major  
7 disaster, the President may direct the Administrator of  
8 the Emergency Management Agency to provide, subject to  
9 amounts made available from appropriations, assistance  
10 necessary for meeting unmet needs as a result of such dis-  
11 aster.

12 “(b) FUNDING.—

13 “(1) AMOUNT OF FUNDING.—Subject to appro-  
14 priations and not later than 30 days after a declara-  
15 tion is made under section 401, the President acting  
16 through the Administrator may allocate an amount  
17 that equals up to 10 percent of the estimated aggre-  
18 gate amount of the grants to be made pursuant to  
19 sections 406 and 408 for the major disaster in order

1 to provide technical and financial assistance under  
2 this section and such set aside shall be deemed to  
3 be related to activities carried out pursuant to major  
4 disasters under this Act.

5 “(2) ESTIMATED AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—Not  
6 later than 180 days after each major disaster dec-  
7 laration pursuant to this Act, the estimated aggre-  
8 gate amount of grants for purposes of paragraph (1)  
9 shall be determined by the President and such esti-  
10 mated amount need not be reduced, increased, or  
11 changed due to variations in estimates.

12 “(3) NO REDUCTION IN AMOUNTS.—The  
13 amount set aside pursuant to paragraph (1) shall  
14 not reduce the amounts otherwise made available for  
15 sections 403, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 416, and 428  
16 under this Act.

17 “(c) UNMET NEEDS.—Financial assistance provided  
18 under this section may be used to provide assistance, in  
19 addition to other amounts made available under this Act,  
20 for the following unmet needs:

21 “(1) Disaster-related home repair and rebuild-  
22 ing assistance to families for permanent housing  
23 purposes, including in conjunction with eligible ex-  
24 penditures under section 408.

1           “(2) Disaster-related unmet needs of families  
2           who are unable to obtain adequate assistance from  
3           other sources.

4           “(3) Other services that alleviate human suf-  
5           fering and promote the well-being of disaster vic-  
6           tims.

7           “(4) Economic and business activities (includ-  
8           ing food and agriculture) after a disaster to imple-  
9           ment post-disaster economic recovery measures, in-  
10          cluding planning and technical assistance for long-  
11          term economic recovery plans, infrastructure im-  
12          provements, business or infrastructure financing,  
13          market or industry research, and other activities au-  
14          thorized under a comprehensive economic develop-  
15          ment strategy.

16          “(d) ACCOUNTING AND FISCAL CONTROLS.—

17                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months  
18                 after receipt of funds and every 6 months thereafter  
19                 until all such funds are expended, a State shall sub-  
20                 mit a report to the Administrator that includes—

21                         “(A) the criteria established for deter-  
22                         mining how the funds are spent;

23                         “(B) the allocation of those funds; and

24                         “(C) the process for public notice and com-  
25                         ment.

1           “(2) COMPLIANCE.—Any individual who re-  
2           ceives assistance pursuant to this section shall com-  
3           ply with section 312(b).

4           “(3) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A State that re-  
5           ceives funds under this section may expend not more  
6           than 5 percent of the amount of such funds for the  
7           administrative costs of providing financial assistance  
8           to individuals and households in the State.”.

9   **SEC. 5. REPAIR AND REBUILDING.**

10          Section 408(c) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
11          lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174) is  
12          amended—

13                 (1) in paragraph (2)(A)(i) by striking “to a  
14                 safe and sanitary living or functioning condition”  
15                 and inserting “to ensure that their home is habitable  
16                 during longer term recovery. Assistance allowed  
17                 under this section may be used in coordination with  
18                 other sources for the repair and rebuilding of an  
19                 owner-occupied residence.”; and

20                 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking “in cases in  
21                 which” and all that follows through the end of the  
22                 paragraph and by inserting “if the President con-  
23                 siders it a cost effective alternative to other housing  
24                 solutions, including the costs associated with tem-  
25                 porary housing provided under this section, and

1 long-term rebuilding costs associated with section  
2 431”.

3 **SEC. 6. REVIEW BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

4 Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
6 shall conduct a review on the fiscal controls by States that  
7 receive funds under section 431 of the Robert T. Stafford  
8 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and shall  
9 make recommendations to the Committee on Homeland  
10 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the  
11 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
12 House of Representatives.

