

AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. WEBER OF TEXAS

In subtitle F of title I of division B, add at the end
the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . DEFINITION OF URBANIZED AREAS FOLLOWING**

2 **A MAJOR DISASTER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5323 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(w) URBANIZED AREAS FOLLOWING A MAJOR DIS-
7 ASTER.—

8 “(1) DEFINED TERM.—In this subsection, the
9 term ‘decennial census date’ has the meaning given
10 the term in section 141(a) of title 13.

11 “(2) URBANIZED AREA MAJOR DISASTER POPU-
12 LATION CRITERIA.—Notwithstanding section 5302,
13 for purposes of this chapter, the Secretary shall
14 treat an area as an urbanized area for the period de-
15 scribed in paragraph (3) if—

16 “(A) a major disaster was declared by the
17 President under section 401 of the Robert T.
18 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
19 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) for the area during

1 the 3-year period preceding the decennial cen-
2 sus date for the 2010 decennial census or for
3 any subsequent decennial census;

4 “(B) the area was defined and designated
5 as an ‘urbanized area’ by the Secretary of Com-
6 merce in the decennial census immediately pre-
7 ceding the major disaster described in subpara-
8 graph (A); and

9 “(C) the population of the area fell below
10 50,000 as a result of the major disaster de-
11 scribed in subparagraph (A).

12 “(3) COVERED PERIOD.—The Secretary shall
13 treat an area as an urbanized area under paragraph
14 (2) during the period—

15 “(A) beginning on—

16 “(i) in the case of a major disaster de-
17 scribed in paragraph (2)(A) that occurred
18 during the 3-year period preceding the de-
19 cennial census date for the 2010 decennial
20 census, October 1 of the first fiscal year
21 that begins after the date of enactment of
22 this subsection; or

23 “(ii) in the case of any other major
24 disaster described in paragraph (2)(A), Oc-
25 tober 1 of the first fiscal year—

1 “(I) that begins after the decen-
2 nial census date for the first decennial
3 census conducted after the major dis-
4 aster; and

5 “(II) for which the Secretary has
6 sufficient data from that census to de-
7 termine that the area qualifies for
8 treatment as an urbanized area under
9 paragraph (2); and

10 “(B) ending on the day before the first fis-
11 cal year—

12 “(i) that begins after the decennial
13 census date for the second decennial cen-
14 sus conducted after the major disaster de-
15 scribed in paragraph (2)(A); and

16 “(ii) for which the Secretary has suffi-
17 cient data from that census to determine
18 which areas are urbanized areas for pur-
19 poses of this chapter.

20 “(4) POPULATION CALCULATION.—An area
21 treated as an urbanized area under this subsection
22 shall be assigned the population and square miles of
23 the urbanized area designated by the Secretary of
24 Commerce in the most recent decennial census con-

1 ducted before the major disaster described in para-
2 graph (2)(A).

3 “(5) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this sub-
4 section may be construed to affect apportionments
5 made under this chapter before the date of enact-
6 ment of this subsection.”.

7 (b) AMENDMENT TAKES EFFECT ON ENACTMENT.—
8 Notwithstanding section 1001, the amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment
10 of this Act.

