

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1563

To require the President's budget to include, at a minimum, a request for disaster funding based on to the 10 year average.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To require the President's budget to include, at a minimum, a request for disaster funding based on to the 10 year average.

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 "Safeguarding Disaster
5 Funding Act of 2011".

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.**

7 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended by inserting at the end the following:

1 “(39)(A) An allowance for disaster funding of
2 at least the average amount of disaster funding for
3 the previous 10 years, excluding the highest and low-
4 est years. The amount of this allowance shall be cal-
5 culated by the Director of the Office of Management
6 and Budget and submitted to the President.

7 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘disaster
8 funding’—

9 “(i) means funding—

10 “(I) provided under the Robert T.
11 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
12 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)
13 for an emergency declared under section
14 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
15 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
16 U.S.C. 5191) or a major disaster declared
17 under section 401 of the Robert T. Staf-
18 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
19 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

20 “(II) for disaster assistance provided
21 under section 7(b) of the Small Business
22 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)); and

23 “(III) for disaster assistance provided
24 by the Secretary of Agriculture; and

1 “(ii) includes funding provided under sec-
2 tions 304 and 420 of the Robert T. Stafford
3 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 5147 and 5187).”.

5 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE BBA.**

6 Section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and
7 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by
8 striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

9 “(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph,
10 the term ‘disaster relief’ shall have the same
11 meaning given the term ‘disaster funding’ in
12 section 1105(a)(39)(B) of title 31, United
13 States Code.”.

○