

MOTION TO RECOMMIT WITH INSTRUCTIONS

M____ moves to recommit the bill H.R. 8 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . POST-HURRICANE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On August 26, 2017, Hurricane Harvey, a
4 Category 4 storm, made landfall in Texas, resulting
5 in 103 deaths in Texas alone.

6 (2) Approximately 336,000 Texas residents
7 were left without electricity, and more than 17,000
8 homes sustained major damage.

9 (3) All in all, Hurricane Harvey tied with Hur-
10 ricane Katrina as the costliest tropical cyclone on
11 record in the United States, causing \$125 billion in
12 damage.

13 (4) On September 6, 2017, Hurricane Irma, a
14 devastating Category 5 storm, raked across the
15 United States Virgin Islands with reported wind
16 gusts of 225 miles per hour, killing four people.

1 (5) Soon after, on September 10, Hurricane
2 Irma ripped across Florida with sustained wind
3 speeds of 112 miles per hour.

4 (6) Hurricane Irma resulted in 84 deaths and
5 caused \$50 billion in damage in Florida, making it
6 the costliest hurricane in Florida history.

7 (7) Two weeks after Hurricane Irma struck the
8 United States Virgin Islands, Hurricane Maria, also
9 a devastating Category 5 storm, struck the United
10 States Virgin Islands, killing three people and leav-
11 ing more than 13,000 structures roofless and
12 100,000 people without power or other essential
13 public facilities such as running water.

14 (8) On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria,
15 by then a Category 4 storm, reached the shores of
16 Puerto Rico with sustained winds of 155 miles per
17 hour.

18 (9) The impacts of Hurricane Maria and Hurri-
19 cane Irma were catastrophic, with widespread devas-
20 tation, uprooted trees, downing of weather stations
21 and cell towers, and destruction and damage to
22 homes throughout the islands.

23 (10) Hurricane Maria caused all 3.3 million
24 people in Puerto Rico to lose electricity, and access
25 to clean water and food became limited to most.

1 (11) According to recent press reports, full elec-
2 trical power to Puerto Rico may not be restored
3 until July or August of 2018, almost one full year
4 after Hurricane Maria made landfall; this blackout
5 is estimated to be the longest blackout in the history
6 of the United States.

7 (12) Thousands of people, many more than the
8 Commonwealth's estimate of 64, died in Puerto Rico
9 as a result of the 2017 hurricanes, according to at
10 least one recent study; health publications, such as
11 the New England Journal of Medicine, have attrib-
12 uted this increase to the health care disruption for
13 the elderly and the loss of basic utility services for
14 the chronically ill.

15 (13) Despite the devastating impacts of the
16 2017 hurricane season, and the fact that, close to
17 one year after landfall of Hurricane Maria, a signifi-
18 cant percentage of Puerto Rico's population remains
19 without basic public utility services, President
20 Trump believes his administration's response to the
21 natural disaster deserves a grade of 10 out of 10.

22 (14) Despite the dedicated humanitarian efforts
23 of thousands of Corps of Engineers personnel in
24 Puerto Rico since the 2017 hurricanes, the Sec-

1 retary has not yet fully restored and increased the
2 resiliency of the island's public infrastructure.

3 (b) RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY OF PUBLIC IN-
4 FRASTRUCTURE.—The Secretary shall take all necessary
5 and proper actions to restore, and increase the resiliency
6 of, public infrastructure in the continental United States,
7 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States
8 Virgin Islands for which the Secretary is responsible and
9 that was damaged as a result of Hurricane Harvey, Hurri-
10 cane Irma, or Hurricane Maria.

