
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 4, 2005

REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, APRIL 4, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to take
2 immediate action to investigate allegations of fraud,
3 conflict of interest and unreasonable delay under the
4 National Flood Insurance Program.

5 WHEREAS, Several counties in southeast Pennsylvania were
6 declared a major disaster area by the President of the United
7 States and the Governor of Pennsylvania following heavy rains
8 from multiple storm systems in August 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, Widespread flooding in certain western Pennsylvania
10 counties during and in the aftermath of Tropical Depression
11 Frances in September 2004 required the President of the United
12 States and the Governor of Pennsylvania to declare those
13 affected western Pennsylvania counties a major disaster area;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, After Tropical Depression Ivan brought widespread
16 flooding over most of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania later in
17 September 2004, including the areas of western Pennsylvania that
18 had endured flooding from Tropical Depression Frances earlier in

1 the month, the President of the United States and the Governor
2 of Pennsylvania declared the affected counties a major disaster
3 area; and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency recorded 58
5 Federal major disaster declarations during the calendar year
6 2004 in the continental United States that included flooding and
7 as of February 1, 2005, four major disaster declarations
8 involving flooding during the calendar year 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency is tasked
10 with administration of the National Flood Insurance Program to
11 provide affordable flood insurance protection to homeowners and
12 businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, Several members of the Congress have called for an
14 investigation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's
15 handling of claims submitted under the National Flood Insurance
16 Program in 2004 and the potential for fraud within the program
17 and conflicts of interest within the agency; and

18 WHEREAS, Citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have
19 complained of unreasonable delays in the processing of their
20 claims under the National Flood Insurance Program; and

21 WHEREAS, Those citizens of the United States and of
22 Pennsylvania who enroll in and promptly pay their premiums under
23 the National Flood Insurance Program to protect their investment
24 in their homes and businesses deserve to receive fair and timely
25 payments for eligible claims; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 memorialize the Congress to take immediate action to investigate
28 allegations of fraud, conflict of interest and unreasonable
29 delay in the administration of the National Flood Insurance
30 Program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
3 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
4 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.