

Amendments to H.R. 152 – Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013

Adopted to the base \$17 billion supplemental legislation:

Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) – This amendment provides an additional \$33 billion in disaster funding for various longer-term recovery efforts and additional repairs to transit, housing, businesses, and more. It also supports infrastructure improvements to help address potential damages from future disasters. *The amendment was adopted with a vote of 228-192.*

The following amendments were adopted to amend the Frelinghuysen amendment:

Flores (R-TX) – This amendment cuts \$150 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Regional Ocean Partnership grants. *The amendment was adopted with a vote of 221-197.*

Runyan (R-NJ) – This amendment clarifies that funding included in the amendment for fisheries is specifically designated for disasters declared by the Secretaries of Commerce for New Jersey and New York. *The amendment was adopted by a voice vote.*

Campbell (R-CA) / Blumenauer (D-OR) – The amendment clarifies that Corps of Engineers cost-share provisions in this amendment only apply to the funds provided by this bill. *The amendment was adopted by a voice vote.*

Huelskamp (R-KS) – The amendment requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency to disclose all disaster relief grants and mission assignments on the FEMA website within 24 hours of award. *The amendment was adopted by a voice vote.*

Fleming (R-LA) – The amendment cuts \$9.8 million in Fish and Wildlife Services Construction funding, and prohibits the use of remaining funds to repair seawalls or buildings on islands in the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge. *The amendment was adopted with a vote of 216-205.*

Bishop (R-UT) – The amendment prohibits the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from using funds in this bill to acquire land. *The amendment was adopted with a vote of 223-198.*

Velazquez (D-NY) – This amendment provides \$1 million in additional funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ National Cemetery Administration, offset by a \$1 million cut to the Small Business Administration’s Disaster Loans Program. This brings the total provided to VA cemeteries for repairs and clean-up to \$2.1 million. *The amendment was adopted by a voice vote.*