

11 . AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2123, AS REPORTED**

**OFFERED BY MR. [REDACTED]**

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At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HURRICANE**  
2 **KATRINA.**

3 (a) Definitions.—For the purposes of this section, the  
4 following definitions apply:

5 (1) **CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HURRICANE**  
6 **KATRINA.**—The term “children affected by Hurri-  
7 cane Katrina” means a child who is not older than  
8 5 and who resides or who resided on August 22,  
9 2005, in an area in which the President has declared  
10 that a major disaster exists.

11 (2) **IMPACTED HEAD START AGENCIES.**—The  
12 term “impacted Head Start Agencies” means a  
13 Head Start agency receiving a significant number of  
14 children from an area in which a major disaster has  
15 been declared.

16 (3) **MAJOR DISASTER.**—The term “major dis-  
17 aster” means a major disaster declared by the Presi-  
18 dent in accordance with section 401 of the Robert  
19 T. Stafford Disaster Relief Emergency Assistance  
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 4170), related to Hurricane Katrina.



1 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, GUIDANCE, AND RE-  
2 SOURCES.—The Secretary shall provide technical assist-  
3 ance, guidance, and resources through the Region 4 and  
4 Region 6 offices of the Administration for Children and  
5 Families (and may provide technical assistance, guidance,  
6 and resources, through other regional offices of the Ad-  
7 ministration, at the request of such offices, that admin-  
8 ister affected Head Start agencies) to Head Start agencies  
9 in areas in which a major disaster has been declared, and  
10 to affected Head Start agencies, to assist the agencies in-  
11 volved in providing Head Start services to children af-  
12 fected by Hurricane Katrina.

13 (c) WAIVER.—For such period up to March 31, 2006,  
14 and to such extent as the Secretary considers appropriate,  
15 the Secretary of Health and Human Services—

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(1) may waive section 410(b) of  
the Head Start Act.

(2) shall waive requirements of  
documentation for children affected  
by Hurricane Katrina who participate  
in Head Start programs and Early  
Head Start programs funded under the  
Head Start Act.

