

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1227**OFFERED BY MR. MARSHALL OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **TITLE V—IMPROVED DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL DISASTER**
2 **FUNDS**

4 **SEC. 501. GAO STUDY OF IMPROVED DISTRIBUTION OF**
5 **FEDERAL DISASTER FUNDS.**

6 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
7 States shall conduct a study to examine methods of im-
8 proving the distribution of Federal funds to assist States
9 with recovery from disasters, which shall include identi-
10 fying and analyzing—

11 (1) the Federal and State agencies used in the
12 past to disburse the such funds and the strengths
13 and weakness of existing programs;

14 (2) the means by and extent to which critical
15 information relating to disaster recovery, such as
16 property valuations, is shared among various State
17 and Federal agencies;

18 (3) program requirements that create impedi-
19 ments to the distribution of such funds that can be
20 eliminated or streamlined;

1 (4) laws and regulations that have caused pro-
2 grams to be developed in a manner that complies
3 with statutory requirements law but fails to meet the
4 objectives or needs of the States or the Federal Gov-
5 ernment;

6 (5) laws relating to privacy and impediments
7 raised by such laws to the sharing, between the Fed-
8 eral Government and State governments, and private
9 industry, of critical information relating to disaster
10 recovery;

11 (6) underwriting requirements for Small Busi-
12 ness Administration disaster loans and the impacts
13 of such requirements on low- to moderate-income
14 victims of disasters;

15 (7) methods of streamlining of applications for
16 and underwriting of Federal grant or loan programs;
17 and

18 (8) how to establish more equitable Federal
19 laws regarding duplication of benefits.

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
22 submit to the Congress a report describing the results of
23 the study and any recommendations regarding the issues
24 analyzed under the study.