

TALKING OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF THEIR MOUTHS: *Hurricane Katrina and GOP Budget Cuts*

“Many victims need access to the benefits they received before Hurricane Katrina struck - programs like Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start, and Food Stamps.” - White House Hurricane Katrina Fact Sheet, 9/8/05

REPUBLICANS TOUT MAJOR HEALTH CARE, FOOD, JOB, EDUCATION AND HOUSING PROGRAMS HELPING HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS...

“...the Senate is moving toward approving a temporary expansion of Medicaid for hurricane survivors, estimated to cost \$9 billion.” [Washington Post, 9/27/05]

“A number of states have taken in large numbers of evacuees and provided them with health care. The Federal government will issue waivers to reimburse these states for their extra Medicaid and uncompensated care expenses incurred through January 31, 2006.”

[White House Fact Sheet, 9/15/05]

“As of this week, more than 500,000 evacuee families have gotten emergency help to pay for food, clothing and other essentials, and they will receive broader help in the future.” [President’s Weekly Radio Address, 9/17/05]

“Workers will receive flexible assistance to aid in their job search or to pay for retraining. These Accounts, which states will have flexibility to design, will provide up to \$5,000 to certain job seekers to allow them to purchase the training or supportive services, such as child care or transportation, they need to get back to work.” [White House Fact Sheet, 9/15/05]

“The Department is proposing up to \$227 million in funding to: help meet the needs of displaced adults who are in repayment on their student loans; provide aid to colleges and universities receiving displaced students; and provide support to both colleges and universities in the severely storm-damaged areas and the students previously enrolled in these institutions.” [Department of Education Fact Sheet, 9/16/05]

“The Department of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, local governments, and public housing authorities, will support the development of homes on Federal property in New Orleans and cities across the region.” [White House Fact Sheet, 9/15/05]

... WHILE PLANNING MASSIVE CUTS* TO THOSE SAME PROGRAMS

(*numbers are approximate because the GOP has not yet revealed Reconciliation Budget cuts)



Medicaid - \$10 Billion in Republican cuts



Food Stamps - \$3 billion in Republican cuts



Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) – \$1 billion in Republican cuts



Student Loans – \$12 billion in Republican cuts



Public Housing Programs –\$470 million in Republican cuts