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Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: By direction of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, I submit herewith the committee's report to the 109th Congress.

Tom Davis,
Chairman.

“Pandemonium did not reign. It poured.”

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS
American author and satirist

“Five frogs are sitting on a log. Four decide to jump off.
How many are left?
Answer: five.

Why? Because there’s a difference between deciding and doing.”

MARK L. FELDMAN and MICHAEL F. SPRATT
American businessmen
Five Frogs on a Log

“Don’t find a fault. Find a remedy.”

HENRY FORD
American automobile manufacturer

“Hurricane Katrina was a force of Nature.
What we’ve done after it is an Act of God.”

Banner hanging in Harrison County, MS, Emergency Operations Center

In-i-tia-tive, *n.*

The power or ability to begin or follow through energetically with a plan or task;
enterprise and determination.



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