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To permit the Administrator of General Services to make repairs and lease space without approval of a prospectus if the repair or lease is required as a result of damages to buildings or property attributable to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2005

Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. BOUSTANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF GSA TO MAKE REPAIRS AND**
2 **LEASE SPACE IN RESPONSE TO DAMAGES AT-**
3 **TRIBUTABLE TO HURRICANE KATRINA OR**
4 **HURRICANE RITA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out duties under
6 chapter 33 of title 40, United States Code, the Adminis-
7 trator of General Services may (1) repair a public build-
8 ing, (2) repair any building, or part of the building, that
9 is under lease by the Federal Government for use for a
10 public purpose, and (3) lease space for use for a public
11 purpose, without approval of a prospectus under section
12 3307(a) of such title, if the lease or repair is required as
13 a result of damages to buildings or property attributable
14 to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

15 (b) REPAIRS.—

16 (1) INITIAL REPORTS.—At least 5 days before
17 entering into an agreement to make a repair under
18 subsection (a), the Administrator shall submit to the
19 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
20 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
21 Environment and Public Works of the Senate a re-
22 port on the repair, including—

23 (A) a brief description of the building to be
24 repaired;

25 (B) a description of the repair to be per-
26 formed;

1 (C) an estimate of the total cost of the re-
2 pair; and

3 (D) an estimate of the date of completion
4 of the repair.

5 (2) FINAL REPORTS.—Not later than 15 days
6 after completing a repair under subsection (a), the
7 Administrator shall submit to the Committee on
8 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
9 Representatives and the Committee on Environment
10 and Public Works of the Senate a report on the re-
11 pair, including—

12 (A) a detailed description of the activities
13 carried out in making the repair; and

14 (B) a statement identifying the total cost
15 of the repair.

16 (c) LEASES.—

17 (1) LEASE TERM.—A lease agreement entered
18 into under subsection (a) shall be for a term of 5
19 years or less.

20 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 10 days after
21 entering into a lease agreement under subsection
22 (a), the Administrator shall submit to the Com-
23 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
24 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-

1 vironment and Public Works of the Senate a report
2 on the lease, including—

3 (A) a statement identifying the location of
4 the leased space;

5 (B) a statement identifying the square
6 footage of the leased space;

7 (C) a statement identifying the cost of the
8 lease; and

9 (D) a statement identifying the agency
10 that will occupy the leased space and describing
11 where the agency was previously located.

12 **SEC. 2. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.**

13 The authority provided by this Act to enter into an
14 agreement for a repair or lease shall cease to be effective
15 on the day that is one year after the date of enactment
16 of this Act.

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