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Cochran Announces Approval of a Hurricane Supplemental Bill

Washington, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran tonight offered a motion on the Senate floor to pass an emergency supplemental spending bill for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Defense which are providing disaster assistance to the Gulf Coast states affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The Senate adopted by unanimous consent a motion that would result in the approval of a \$10.5 billion appropriations bill, which will provide \$10 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and \$500 million for the Department of Defense for hurricane related expenses. The House of Representatives is expected to pass the spending bill tomorrow and send it to the President.

Cochran said, “Tonight the Senate has acted to provide the funds necessary to continue federal relief efforts. The Senate will likely adopt other emergency appropriations measures as needed to meet future needs as reliable estimates are developed.”

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