

## Union Calendar No. 57

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1678

[Report No. 115–100]

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

APRIL 28, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. MAST and Ms. WILSON of Florida

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 705(a)(1) of the Robert  
5 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “Except” and inserting “Not-  
8 withstanding section 3716(e) of title 31, United  
9 States Code, and except”; and

10 (2) by striking “report for the disaster or emer-  
11 gency” and inserting “report for project completion  
12 as certified by the grantee”.

13 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to disaster or  
15 emergency assistance provided to a State or local  
16 government on or after January 1, 2004—

17 (A) no administrative action may be taken  
18 to recover a payment of such assistance after  
19 the date of enactment of this Act if the action  
20 is prohibited under section 705(a)(1) of the  
21 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
22 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)),  
23 as amended by subsection (a); and

24 (B) any administrative action to recover a  
25 payment of such assistance that is pending on

1           such date of enactment shall be terminated if  
2           the action is prohibited under section 705(a)(1)  
3           of that Act, as amended by subsection (a).

4           (2) LIMITATION.—This section, including the  
5           amendments made by this section, may not be con-  
6           strued to invalidate or otherwise affect any adminis-  
7           tration action completed before the date of enact-  
8           ment of this Act.



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