

AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT OF MARCH**14****OFFERED BY MS. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ OF FLOR-
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At the end of the bill add the following new section:

1 SEC. 19. FEMA PARTICIPATION IN STATE DISASTER CLAIMS
2 MEDIATION PROGRAMS.

3 The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 is amend-
4 ed by inserting after section 1313 (42 U.S.C. 4020) the
5 following new section:

6 "SEC. 1314. FEMA PARTICIPATION IN STATE DISASTER
7 CLAIMS MEDIATION PROGRAMS.

8 "(a) REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE.—In the case
9 of the occurrence of a natural catastrophe that may result
10 in flood damage claims under the national flood insurance
11 program, upon a request made by the insurance commis-
12 sioner of a State (or such other official responsible for reg-
13 ulating the business of insurance in the State) for the par-
14 ticipation of representatives of the Director in a program
15 sponsored by such State for nonbinding mediation of in-
16 surance claims resulting from a natural catastrophe, the
17 Director shall cause appropriate representatives of na-



1 tional flood insurance program to participate in such State
2 program to expedite settlement of any flood damage
3 claims under the national flood insurance program result-
4 ing from such catastrophe.

5 “(b) EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION.—Participation by
6 representatives of the Director required under subsection
7 (a) with respect to flood damage claims resulting from a
8 natural catastrophe shall include—

9 “(1) providing adjusters certified for purposes
10 of the national flood insurance program who are au-
11 thorized to settle claims against such program re-
12 sulting from such catastrophe in amounts up to the
13 limits of policies under such program;

14 “(2) requiring such adjusters to attend State-
15 sponsored mediation meetings regarding flood insur-
16 ance claims resulting from such catastrophe at times
17 and places as may be arranged by the State;

18 “(3) participating in good-faith negotiations to-
19 ward the settlement of such claims with policy-
20 holders of coverage made available under the na-
21 tional flood insurance program; and

22 “(4) finalizing the settlement of such claims on
23 behalf of the national flood insurance program with
24 such policyholders.



1 “(c) COORDINATION.—Adjusters representing the na-
2 tional flood insurance program who participate pursuant
3 to subsection (b)(1) in a State-sponsored mediation pro-
4 gram with respect to a natural catastrophe shall at all
5 times coordinate their activities with insurance officials of
6 the State and representatives of insurers for the purpose
7 of consolidating and expediting the settlement of claims
8 under the national flood insurance program resulting from
9 such catastrophe at the earliest possible time.”.

