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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1035

"URGING THE CONGRESS TO MAKE FUNDS TIMELY AVAILABLE TO PREVENT CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE FROM WILDFIRES BURNING THE DEBRIS FROM THE DECEMBER ICE STORMS IN ARKANSAS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1035.

Amend House Concurrent Resolution No. 1035 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 24 through 26 and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, the ice storms of December 13 and 25, 2000, ravaged thousands of acres of private and public forests in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, President Clinton declared sixty-seven (67) Arkansas counties as federal disaster areas for the purposes of providing early financial assistance to cities and counties to help with their most urgent ice storm-caused health and safety problems; and

WHEREAS, these early funds do not provide for the critical treatment and restoration work needed to prevent catastrophic wildfires on the private and public forestlands of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, if these lands go untreated, the ten-fold increase in fuel loadings may result in major conflagrations that destroy private and public property and threaten the health and safety of countless Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, supplemental appropriation requests detailing the need by program area and the work that would be accomplished were sent by agency field officers to their agency headquarters in Washington, D. C.,

NOW THEREFORE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Arkansas General Assembly urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take all reasonable action necessary to provide adequate and timely funding to the federal agencies responsible for the treatment and restoration work on these lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the Unites States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation."

The Amendment was read	
By: Representative Cook	
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