



*Congress responded quickly in a bipartisan way to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina by providing funds and passing critical legislation:*

- Two Emergency Supplementals - \$62 billion
- Solicitation of Katrina Donations
- Emergency Courts
- Small Business relief
- TANF relief
- Pell Grant relief
- Student Grant Disaster Relief
- Flood Insurance bill - \$2 billion
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- Tax Relief Package

*Americans have led by example and opened their hearts and wallets to those in need:*

- Charitable donations total over \$1.6 billion. The American Red Cross has raised \$762 million, Bush/Clinton relief fund \$100 million, Salvation Army \$85.7 million (as of 9/19/05).

- Hundreds of millions of dollars in cash, supplies and services have been donated by large and small businesses.
- Thousands have volunteered in the affected Gulf regions.
- This past Friday, we honored and remembered the many who lost their lives while trying to save their own lives and those of others on the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

*Senate Republicans are committed to the long-term rebuilding and restoration of the Gulf region:*

- Senate Republicans will work to ensure that help goes to those who need it most. This can be accomplished through a four-pronged approach:
  - Continue allocating funds as deemed necessary and appropriate.
  - Pass meaningful legislation for immediate recovery efforts.
  - Establish a bipartisan, bicameral congressional investigative committee.
  - Develop long-term recovery and rebuilding plan for the Gulf Coast.