

## **Republican Motion #10**

# **PRIORITIZE WILDFIRE AND HURRICANE RELIEF**

## **Offered by Representative Lauren Boebert (CO-03)**

Mrs. Boebert moves that the Committee on the Budget direct its Chairman to request on behalf of the Committee that the rule providing for consideration of the bill shall make in order an amendment to strike funding for the following line items:

- \$200 million earmark for the Presidio Park in San Francisco;
- \$25 million for endangered plants in Hawaii;
- \$25 million for butterflies in the United States;
- \$25 million for freshwater mussels in the United States;
- \$25 million for desert fish in the Southwest; and
- \$10 million earmark for the District of Columbia for electric vehicle and infrastructure procurement.

The amendment would further ensure that the above funding be applied to federal accounts currently being used to combat wildfires in the West—including California, Washington, and Oregon—and to provide relief from Hurricane Ida and related flooding.

### **Background**

- (1) Massive wildfires have brought devastation to communities across the western United States—states hit the hardest include California, Washington, and Oregon.
- (2) On August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana causing significant damage in communities across multiple states, tragically leading to the death of over 60 individuals, destroying thousands of homes and businesses, and inevitably costing the U.S around \$100 billion.
- (3) The bill includes funding for earmarks and other programs that are not relevant to addressing the current disasters Americans face and therefore should not be a priority for lawmakers.
  - a. \$200 million in funding for the Presidio—a 1,500-acre park and golf course near the Golden Gate Bridge in Speaker Pelosi’s district in San Francisco—was confirmed to be an earmark and payback to Speaker Pelosi when its inclusion in the bill was claimed to be justified given that Speaker Pelosi “does more for America than any other member,” according to one Democrat member of the House of Representatives.
  - b. \$25 million for endangered plants in Hawaii.
  - c. \$25 million for endangered butterflies.
  - d. \$25 million for endangered species of mussels.
  - e. \$25 million for endangered species of desert fish.
  - f. \$10 million earmark for the District of Columbia for electric vehicle and infrastructure procurement.