

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1309

OFFERED BY MR. NEUGEBAUER OF TEXAS
and Mr. Dold of Illinois

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . REPORT ON INCLUSION OF BUILDING CODES IN**
2 **FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT CRITERIA.**

3 Not later than the expiration of the 6-month period
4 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
5 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management
6 Agency shall conduct a study and submit a report to the
7 Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
9 Urban Affairs of the Senate regarding the impact, effec-
10 tiveness, and feasibility of amending section 1361 of the
11 National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4102)
12 to include widely used and nationally recognized building
13 codes as part of the floodplain management criteria devel-
14 oped under such section, and shall determine—

15 (1) the regulatory, financial, and economic im-
16 pacts of such a building code requirement on home-
17 owners, States and local communities, local land use
18 policies, and the Federal Emergency Management
19 Agency;

1 (2) the resources required of State and local
2 communities to administer and enforce such a build-
3 ing code requirement;

4 (3) the effectiveness of such a building code re-
5 quirement in reducing flood-related damage to build-
6 ings and contents;

7 (4) the impact of such a building code require-
8 ment on the actuarial soundness of the National
9 Flood Insurance Program;

10 (5) the effectiveness of nationally recognized
11 codes in allowing innovative materials and systems
12 for flood-resistant construction;

13 (6) the feasibility and effectiveness of providing
14 an incentive in lower premium rates for flood insur-
15 ance coverage under such Act for structures meeting
16 whichever of such widely used and nationally recog-
17 nized building code or any applicable local building
18 code provides greater protection from flood damage;

19 (7) the impact of such a building code require-
20 ment on rural communities with different building
21 code challenges than more urban environments; and

22 (8) the impact of such a building code require-
23 ment on Indian reservations.

