AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

At the end of title VI, insert the following:

SEC. ___._ GAO REPORT ON LONG-TERM RECOVERY EFFORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 240 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on long-term recovery efforts following Hurricane Andrew, the attacks of September 11, 2001, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ike, and Hurricane Sandy.

(b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—The report shall contain the following:

(1) Information on defining a long-term recovery, the stages of a long-term recovery, and the transition from Federal Government management of long-term recovery efforts to State and local leadership.

(2) An assessment of the personnel needed, and the types of expertise or certifications required to accomplish the administration and management of recovery efforts for each of the disasters described in subsection (a).
An analysis of the success and efficiency of the long-term disaster recovery, and best practices learned that may be applied to future long-term disaster recovery plans.

Recommendations of the Comptroller General for what should be defined as a long-term disaster recovery project using existing authority and responsibility of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to advise and make recommendations to the President regarding Presidential Disaster Declarations.

Recommendations of FEMA on the capacity and competence of FEMA to manage multiple major Presidential Disaster Declarations simultaneously of the magnitude of 3, 4, or all 5 of the disasters described in subsection (a) occurring within weeks of each other.