

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5687**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK**

At the end of division A, before the short title, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON THE REFERRAL OF EMER-**  
2 **GENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE DEBT.**

3 Chapter 3 of title 31, United States Code, is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) in subchapter II, by adding at the end the  
6 following:

7 **“§ 334. Prohibition on the referral of emergency indi-**  
8 **vidual assistance debt**

9 “With respect to any assistance provided by the Fed-  
10 eral Emergency Management Agency to an individual or  
11 household pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
12 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122 et  
13 seq.), if the Secretary of the Treasury seeks to recoup any  
14 amount of such assistance because of an overpayment, the  
15 Secretary may not contract with any debt collector or  
16 other private party to collect such amounts.”; and

- 1 (2) in the table of contents for such chapter, by
- 2 inserting after the item relating to section 333 the
- 3 following:

“334. Prohibition on the referral of emergency individual assistance debt.”.

