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:

SEC. ___. PROHIBITION ON THE REFERRAL OF EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE DEBT.

Chapter 3 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

“With respect to any assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to an individual or household pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122 et seq.), if the Secretary of the Treasury seeks to recoup any amount of such assistance because of an overpayment, the Secretary may not contract with any debt collector or other private party to collect such amounts.”; and
(2) in the table of contents for such chapter, by inserting after the item relating to section 333 the following:

"334. Prohibition on the referral of emergency individual assistance debt.".