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Dale Travels to Washington Seeking Further Assistance for Hurricane Victims

Jackson – Commissioner of Insurance George Dale has traveled to Washington, D. C. to appear before a Congressional Committee and to meet with the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to continue discussing ways to help homeowners on the Mississippi Gulf Coast who did not have flood insurance.

Dale is one of the five Gulf Coast states insurance commissioners who will be speaking to the House Financial Services Committee on Wednesday, in a roundtable discussion on Hurricane Katrina efforts and how the storms of the 2005 hurricane season have affected the insurance industry.

The roundtable discussion was organized by Subcommittee Chair, Richard Baker (R) of Louisiana and marks the first time that all the commissioners in states affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma have met in person since the storms.

“We’ve all taken a massive blow from hurricanes this year, and it is evident that the insurance industry is not big enough to rebuild the coast alone, but they must do all they can. While in Washington I hope to deliver my message in person to our congressional leaders in the strongest terms possible that it will take a cooperative effort from the insurance industry, the federal government, the state government and the private sector to get the state and specifically the Mississippi Gulf Coast rebuilt,” Dale said.

The House Financial Services Committee is chaired by Mike Oxley, (R) of Ohio.

The call center for the Mississippi Insurance Department will be open during the upcoming Veterans Day holiday on Friday, November 11. Consumers may call the following numbers for Hurricane Katrina insurance assistance. The numbers are: Locally - 601-359-2453; In State 1-800-562-2957; Out-of-State - 1-866-856-1982.

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