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"The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all."

Leo Rosten



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- Government Executive
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- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

Building the Ultimate Earthquake Kit- Video (California)

<http://www.ktla.com/videobeta/ea8280ba-256c-435b-a36c-46dbb11930d0/News/KTLA-Building-the-Ultimate-Earthquake-Kit-Dave-Malkoff-reports>

What is LA's Most Earthquake-Proof Building?- Video (California)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZoHoPFHAtw&feature=youtu.be>

Disaster Plan Problems Found at U.S. Nuclear Plants

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/13/business/energy-environment/13nuke.html?_r=2&ref=science

Consultant overhauls security for Pittsburgh Marathon (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11134/1146537-139-0.stm?cmpid=sports.xml>

The greater Cincinnati area plans to test response to catastrophic events (Ohio)

<http://www.fox19.com/story/14636384/the-greater-cincinnati-area-plans-to-test-response-to-catastrophic-event>

FEMA deputy administrator speaks to Ventura County first responders (California)

http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/may/10/fema-deputy-administrator-speaks-to-ventura/?partner=yahoo_feeds#ixzz1Mg2RcSBo

Agency wants to see NYC theater emergency plans

http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_york&id=8124530&rss=rss-wabc-article-8124530

Calif practices for flooding as South is inundated

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/05/16/state/n141458D26.DTL#ixzz1MkTmuZoF>

Are You Ready? (Hawaii)

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=55062>

Caltech earthquake conference centers on warning system (California)

http://www.sgvtribune.com/news/ci_18067705

Think the Unthinkable in Disaster Planning

<http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/05/01/think-the-unthinkable-in-disaster-planning.aspx>

National Level Exercise Starts with Simulated Catastrophic Earthquake

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/National-Level-Exercise-Starts-with-Simulated-Catastrophic-Earthquake.html>

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Scott, emergency management chief stress storm prep (Florida)
<http://www2.tbo.com/news/tropical-weather/2011/may/18/scott-emergency-management-chief-stress-storm-prep-ar-208340/>

Wis. gov names new emergency management head
http://host.madison.com/news/state_and_regional/article_ee2bd4f7-47a6-5100-a1c8-71c537152a68.html

Utah Division of Homeland Security changes name
http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705372748/Utah-Division-of-Homeland-Security-changes-name.html?s_cid=rss-30

24 hour deployable concrete tents back in the news as disasters mount
<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-05-hour-deployable-concrete-tents-news.html>

May 18, 2011 – 3:51 p.m.

Surprise Defeat by GOP on Erroneous Disaster Relief Aid Bill

By Emma Dumain, CQ Staff

A Senate panel will vote again on a Democratic plan to allow the federal government to forgive erroneous disaster relief payments, after Republicans surprisingly defeated it in committee Wednesday.

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee rejected the bill (S 792) in a party line vote, 4-5. Senate Democrats were caught off guard by the defeat and will hold an off-the-floor markup to reconsider it, which could occur as early as Thursday.

The panel has 17 members — eight Democrats, eight Republicans and one independent, the Chairman Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut. But with only nine panel members at the markup, and five of them Republicans, the GOP was able to turn it back.

Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., who was not there for the vote on the legislation, arrived at the end of the markup and implored the panel to reconsider the bill, saying she and other Democrats were eager to back it.

“We were under the impression that this bill would pass and that it had the support,” said Landrieu, explaining Democrats’ absence and her own for a bill that would benefit some in her state who received aid in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Sponsored by Mark Pryor, D-Ark, the bill would give the Federal Emergency Management Agency the authority to waive debts to individuals who received disaster relief payments in error since 2005. There have been an increasing number of instances, said Pryor, where FEMA has provided individuals financial assistance through the

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agency's National Flood Insurance Program or other programs, only to realize they do not qualify once funds have already been given – and spent.

The bill would enable FEMA to waive repayment of erroneous aid under three circumstances: when the error in payment was made by FEMA; there was no fault on behalf of the individual receiving it; and the collection of the debt would be “against equity and good conscience.”

It would specifically relate to FEMA payments since 2005, the year Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast region.

Democratic supporters said the bill would correct a scenario where innocent people are punished for receiving money that the government told them they were entitled to. But Republicans countered that the measure would make it too easy for FEMA to waive repayments.

“My worry is, there is going to be a lot of pressure on FEMA administrators just to waive these debts, even for individuals who received a windfall but said, ‘gee, this is great,’ spent it, and could easily repay the debt but don’t have to,” said ranking Committee Republican Susan Collins of Maine. “That, to me, sends the wrong signal.”

Tom Coburn, R-Okla., added that there is already a system in place to forgive debts for erroneous payments for recipients who qualify for financial hardship exemptions.

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

White House unveils cybersecurity plan

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43014316/ns/technology_and_science-security/

Man accused of trying to break into Mo. Army post

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110512/ap_on_re_us/us_campus_gunman_missouri

Irish Muslim arrested over Obama death threats

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43018130/ns/world_news-europe/

2 men accused of buying guns, grenade, plotting to bomb NYC synagogue and kill Jews

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/official-2-men-in-custody-on-charges-that-may-be-related-to-terrorism-in-nyc/2011/05/12/AFZINxxG_story.html?hpid=z11

House Proposal Guts Homeland Security Funding

<http://www.iaff.org/11News/051311HouseProposal.htm>

Government auctions Unabomber's property

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/government-auctions-unabombers-property/2011/05/13/AFcz4z2G_story.html

FBI: We want Unabomber's DNA in 1982 Tylenol case

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/05/19/unabomber.tylenol/index.html?hpt=T2>

Blog posts sensitive NYPD documents found in trash

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110514/ap_on_re_us/us_nypd_documents_trashed

Miami imam, 2 sons due in court on terror charges (Florida)

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_terror_charges_florida

Tucson Man Arrested in Alleged Chemical Weapons Attack (Arizona)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/tucson-man-arrested-chemical-weapons-attack/story?id=13605177>

Inside the FBI's 'Threat Matrix,' From Nuclear Urinals to Osama's USBs

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2011/05/inside-fbis-threat-matrix/>

Mexico police find 513 US-bound migrants in trucks

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/lt_mexico_migrants_rescued

Proposed naming of Navy ship for Cesar Chavez draws fire, support

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/17/ship.cesar.chavez/index.html?hpt=C2>

United States Naval Academy freshmen endure 14-hour Sea Trials

http://photoblog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2011/05/17/6661895-united-states-naval-academy-freshmen-endure-14-hour-sea-trials

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GUILTY PLEAS FOR TWO MEXICAN NATIONALS IN CONSPIRACY TO ACQUIRE STINGER MISSILE AND OTHER MILITARY-GRADE WEAPONS

<http://www.atf.gov/press/releases/2011/05/050211-pho-guilty-pleas-for-two-mexican-nationals-in-conspiracy-to-acquire-stinger-missile-and-other-military-grade-weapons.html>

Lucky escape for crew as tanker jet crashes (California)

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_military_jet_crash

Life span of U.S. nuclear weapons will increase under plan

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/life-span-of-us-nuclear-weapons-will-increase-under-plan/2011/05/18/AFY0en6G_story.html?hpid=z9

Gates, Mullen appeal for end to disclosures of Osama bin Laden raid details

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/gates-mullen-appeal-for-end-to-disclosures-of-osama-bin-laden-raid-details/2011/05/18/AF3jsk6G_story.html?hpid=z9

New Technologies Provide Protection from Mail Security Breaches

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/New-Technologies-Mail-Security-Breaches.html>

Chilling portrait of neo-Nazi's home life emerges (California)

http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-neo-nazi-20110519,0,2709791_story

Ultralight aircraft now ferrying drugs across U.S.-Mexico border

http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-border-ultralight-20110520,0,7315999_story

Secret Service issues mea culpa for accidental anti-Fox News tweet

http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog_theoutline/20110519/ts_yblog_theoutline/secret-service-issues-mea-culpa-for-accidental-anti-fox-news-tweet

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Campus Safety and Security

Dept. of Ed Finds 3 Universities in Violation of Clery Act

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2011/05/17/Dept-of-Ed-Finds-2-Universities-in-Violation-of-Clery-Act.aspx>

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Functional Needs

Crowdsourcing iPhone App Lets Sighted People Lend Their Eyes to the Blind

http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2011/05/12/crowdsourcing-iphone-app-lets-sighted-people-lend-their-eyes-to-the-blind/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+80beats+%2880beats%29

Children's Involvement in Disaster Planning Calms Fear

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=54990>

Laser-guided wheelchair helps visually impaired

<http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/onepercent/2011/05/laser-guided-wheelchair-helps.html>

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Hazard Research and News

Rash of Earthquakes—in Maine!—Brought to You by the Last Ice Age
http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2011/05/11/rash-of-earthquakes-in-maine-brought-to-you-by-the-last-ice-age/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+80beats+%2880beats%29

So Far, Nuclear Agency Confident In U.S. Reactors
<http://www.npr.org/2011/05/12/136235601/us-looks-to-reinforce-nuclear-safety>

Texas county official says "stupid" feds sparked fire
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/13/us-wildfire-texas-blame-idUSTRE74C76T20110513>

Scientists design new anti-flu virus proteins using computational methods
<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-05-scientists-anti-flu-virus-proteins-methods.html>

South Bay Preparing for Fire Season (California)
<http://www.kron4.com/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1068>

Brush fire burns near Jet Propulsion Laboratory (California)
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/05/16/state/n130933D09.DTL&type=science>

Study: Chemical in Wildfire Smoke is Harmful
<http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/study-chemical-wildfire-smoke-harmful>

EHV-1 Outbreak: State Veterinarians Monitoring Closely
<http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=18262>

Mount St. Helens ash cloud photos - yes, they're real (Washington)
<http://www.king5.com/news/slideshows/Mount-St-Helens-ash-cloud---yes-theyre-real-122176954.html>

The Century of Disasters
<http://www.slate.com/id/2294013/?GT1=38001>

2-year-old Alissa Jones dies in Morrilton building collapse (Arkansas)
<http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/157545/119/Toddler-dies-in-building-collapse-in-Morrilton>

Portion of Angeles National Forest Reopens (California)
http://www.nbcalosangeles.com/news/local/Angeles-National-Forest-to-Reopen-Today-121886184.html?_source=Newsletter-Daily

Officials see above-average hurricane season looming
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/19/hurricane.season/index.html?hpt=T2>

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Report calls W.Va. mine disaster 'man-made'

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/report-faults-massey-energy-for-wva-mine-explosion/2011/05/19/AFr7fA7G_story.html?hpid=z2

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Public Safety Communications, Interoperability, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 News

Server Issue behind SF Emergency Dispatch Problems (California)
<http://www.ktvu.com/news/27882060/detail.html>

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Other

As Recession-Pinched Cities Trim Their Fire Department Staffing, Chicago Stands Pat
http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/13/us/13cncfirefighters.html?pagewanted=1&_r=1

Federal worker pensions emerge as target in debt-reduction talks
http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/federal-worker-pensions-emerge-as-target-in-debt-reduction-talks/2011/05/14/AFkqTj3G_story.html?hpid=z1

Study: \$2 trillion needed for U.S. infrastructure
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/study-2-trillion-needed-for-us-infrastructure/2011/05/16/AFyppB5G_story.html?hpid=z3

Giffords set to undergo skull surgery
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-05-17-giffords-surgery_n.htm

How to prepare for the zombie apocalypse? CDC has you covered
<http://bodyodd.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/05/18/6668600-how-to-prepare-for-the-zombie-apocalypse-cdc-has-you-covered>

Lifeguarding in OC is totally lucrative; some make over \$200k (California)
<http://orangepunch.ocregister.com/2011/05/10/lifeguarding-in-oc-is-totally-lucrative-some-make-over-200k/44783/>

3 Extreme Tales of Tribulation for the Apocalypse
<http://www.npr.org/2011/05/18/136359097/three-soul-saving-apocalyptic-tales?sc=fb&cc=fp>

National Honor for San Diego Lifeguard Swiftwater Rescue Team (California)
<http://www.fdnntv.com/National-Honor-San-Diego-Lifeguard-Swiftwater-Rescue-Team>

Aborted attempt before AF1 lands safely
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110518/ap_on_re_us/us_air_force_one

Suspicious Suitcase Provides Lessons for Multijurisdictional Response
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Suspicious-Suitcase-Provides-Lessons.html>

Randolph County joins 'Yellow Dot' program to help first-responders respond better (Alabama)
<http://annistonstar.com/bookmark/13328816>

Brooklyn hit hardest on Mayor Bloomberg's list of FDNY companies facing closure over budget cuts (New York)
http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2011/05/18/2011-05-18_mayor_bloomberg_to_turn_over_list_of_fdny_companies_endangered_by_budget_cuts_to.html

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International News Stories

Civil Preparedness, Security and Humanitarian Affairs

Israel shows off missile defense against Palestinian rockets

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/israel-shows-off-missile-defense-against-palestinian-rockets/2011/05/12/AFqu1L1G_story.html?hpid=z3

Is There Potential for an International Emergency Management Assistance Compact?

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/International-Emergency-Management-Assistance-Compact-051311.html>

In Greece, austerity kindles deep discontent

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/in-greece-austerity-kindles-deep-discontent/2011/05/05/AFUQGy2G_story.html?hpid=z2

Sheila Dikshit takes stock of disaster management measures in Capital (India)

<http://www.newkerala.com/news/world/fullnews-190263.html>

Chinese generals' tour of American military outposts a beacon of thawing tension

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/chinese-generals-tour-of-american-military-posts-a-beacon-of-thawing-tensions/2011/05/13/AFkN4f3G_story.html?hpid=z3

North Korea, Iran trade missile technology: U.N.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/us_korea_north_iran_un

Secret UAE desert force set up by Blackwater's founder

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43036162/ns/world_news-the_new_york_times/

Britain's queen lands in Ireland on 1st-ever trip to celebrate peace; pipe bomb defused on bus

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/hours-before-queen-elizabeth-ii-starts-visit-to-ireland-police-defuse-bomb-near-dublin/2011/05/17/AFpEQZ5G_story.html?tid=sm_facebook

The United States and New Zealand Sign Joint Statement on Global Supply Chain Security

http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1305663798926.shtm

Russia wants US guarantees on missile shield

<http://www.ktnv.com/story/14650784/russia-wants-us-guarantees-on-missile-shield>

Danish Navy frees 16 Iranians from suspected Somali pirate ship

http://articles.cnn.com/2011-05-15/world/somalia.denmark.pirates_1_danish-navy-pirates-danish-ship?s=PM:WORLD

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Hobbits beware! To test emergency broadcast system, Hungary says severe floods in Middle-earth

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/hobbits-beware-to-test-emergency-broadcast-system-hungary-says-severe-floods-in-middle-earth/2011/05/18/AFLgPP6G_story.html?wprss=rss_world

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Indonesia battles forest fire on Sumatra island

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110513/wl_asia_afp/indonesiamalaysiaenvironmentforestshaze_20110513053654

New Report Warns Mega-Fire Risk Is Global and Growing

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=new-report-warns-mega-fire-risk-global-warming>

Spain earthquake: How a small quake caused so much damage [VIDEO]

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2011/0512/Spain-earthquake-How-a-small-quake-caused-so-much-damage-VIDEO>

Strong quake shakes Costa Rica's capital

http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2011-05-13-Costa-Rica-Earthquake_n.htm

Flood displaces 500,000 Nigerians in 2010

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90855/7377603.html>

Quakes 'could rupture glacial lakes'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13373416>

Thousands flee 'town on fire' in Canada

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43048662/ns/weather/>

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International Affairs

Arctic nations step up cooperation on safety, oil

http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20110512/sc_nm/us_arctic

Hamas sends signals of moderation to West

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110513/ap_on_re_mi_ea/ml_palestinians_changing_hamas

Using Radio to Facilitate Dialogue on Governance in Africa

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Homeland Security Information Network, Instructions for New Users to the ESIS-CUI COI

Welcome to the Homeland Security Information Network–Emergency Services Information Sharing- Controlled Unclassified Information (ESIS-CUI) Community of Interest (COI). Please complete the following steps to finalize the membership process:

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- Receive an automated email from the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) system that specifies the user name for your pending account (for example: john.smith) on the HSIN portal. Enter this user name each time you access the system.
- Receive a separate email from the HSIN system with an automatically generated portion of your account password (for example: 2#D3Zt&PXXXX)
- Replace the Xs at the end of your system generated password with the following 4-digit code: 1325.

To log in the first time:

1. Enter your HSIN user name: for example - john.smith
2. Enter your password: for example - 2#D3Zt&P1325 (Note that the Xs are replaced with the 4-digit code.)
 - ✓ Remember you must replace the Xs at the end of your system generated password with the following 4-digit code: 1325.
3. Change your password when prompted after you have accessed the system.

Existing Users: If you have an existing HSIN account, and received this email via the same email account associated with that account, *do not* use the password supplied in the email and *do not* append your password with the secret pin – use your existing password to log in to HSIN. Once logged in to HSIN you will see the ESIS-CUI COI link in your “My Communities” area.

- It is important that you log in to HSIN by Monday, 23 May 2011, or your account will become inactive.
- Orientation materials designed to familiarize you with HSIN and the ESIS-CUI COI are available in the HSIN Help Toolbox at the top right corner of the Support page. There is also a training calendar on the Support page. Once you have established your account, you can access that page by clicking on this [link](#).

If your account becomes inactive or if you have any technical questions about your new HSIN- account, contact Ms. Jody Morris at 301-447-1325 or at emr-isac@dhs.gov. If you are unable to reach Ms. Morris, you may also contact Ms. Lauren Udvari at 301-742-3313 or ludwari@bstonetech.com. Be prepared to confirm your identity and to provide your 4-digit code (1325).