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On June 5, 2013 the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittees on Research and Technology held a hearing to review the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2013 (H.R. 1786). The act, introduced by Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), would reauthorize the multi-agency National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program (NWIRP). It would additionally create a National Advisory Committee on windstorm impact reduction and transfer leadership of NWIRP from the Office of Science and Technology Policy to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Frederica Wilson (D-FL) and Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) objected to the bills 14 percent decrease in NWIRP funding. They have introduced the Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2013 (H.R. 2132), which would reauthorize NWIRP at a higher funding level and also reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP).

Witness testimony highlighted the need for additional science and engineering research on windstorm impacts and mitigation, and explored ways of implementing research results to create more resilient communities.

Opening statements, witness testimonies, and an archived webcast of the hearing can be found on the committee's web site.
