

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 446

To direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to designate New Jersey Task Force 1 as part of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADDITION OF TASK FORCE TO NATIONAL**
4 **URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYS-**
5 **TEM.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,
2 demonstrated the importance of enhancing national
3 domestic terrorism preparedness;

4 (2) 26 of the 28 urban search and rescue task
5 forces included in the National Urban Search and
6 Rescue Response System of the Federal Emergency
7 Management Agency were called into action in the
8 wake of the events of September 11;

9 (3) highly qualified, urban search and rescue
10 teams not included in the National Urban Search
11 and Rescue Response System were the first teams in
12 New York City on September 11;

13 (4) the continuing threat of a possible domestic
14 terrorist attack remains an important mission for
15 which the United States must prepare to respond;
16 and

17 (5) part of that response should be to increase
18 the number of urban search and rescue task forces
19 included in the National Urban Search and Rescue
20 Response System.

21 (b) ADDITION OF NEW JERSEY TASK FORCE 1.—
22 The Director of the Federal Emergency Management
23 Agency shall designate New Jersey Task Force 1 as part

1 of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response Sys-
2 tem.

