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	Napolitano's announcement as both welcome and belated. They called it an encouraging sign that FEMA has changed speeds	moving to create the new regu- lations, Vitter said, "It has taken nearly two years since we	diator, attorneys for Citizens and the Jefferson plaintiffs reached a deal on March 4 to	\$220 million. All of this could come back to haunt the people of the state. If	'At a loss for words' Fred Herman, an attorney	*Electrical *Windows *Carpentry *Room Additions *Demolition *Patio Covers *Gutters *Siding
	with the arrival of the Obama administration. "Better late than never," said Rep. Charlie Melancon, D-Na- poleonville. "This says to me	passed loan forgiveness into law, but FEMA's announcement is a long-awaited and welcomed first step toward forgiving these community disaster loans.	settle the suit for \$50 million. The insurer would pay for the settlement partly with \$17 mil- lion it had set aside for the Or- leans suit and no longer needed,	Citizens does not have the cash to cover its expenses, it has the power to levy special assess- ments on all owners of insured property in the state. After Ka-	representing the plaintiffs in Jefferson Parish, maintains that the settlement Citizens bro- kered with the competing attor- neys in Orleans Parish does not	Table Cortes Guilders Stating 504-2005 Autors Stating www.iousianacontractorsinc.com Hender B.B. Likensed, inured
	that this administration is quite serious about recovery and this is another example of getting stuff done that's been two years in the making."	These loans were crucial for our cities and municipalities to begin regrouping and jump-starting basic services for residents shortly after Hurricanes Rita	and partly through a payment plan that would run through De- cember 2010. If another hurri- cane hit, the timetable could be extended by three to six	trina, the state shifted that obli- gation onto all taxpayers by let- ting property owners take a tax credit for the special assess-	apply to his clients. He was in- credulous that Citizens is em- barking on such a gamble against the advice of its own at- torneys.	13 SEER 3 TON REPLACEMENT SYSTEM
	In 2007, Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La, added language to a sup- plemental appropriations bill to require FEMA to allow the Community Disaster Loans to be forgiven as they had been in the past. On the House side,	and Katrina." Zeno, the city's chief financial officer, said New Orleans will end up using all \$240 million in loan money, including \$25 mil- lion in this year's budget and the last \$10 million of the loan	months. Attorneys' fees and liti- gation costs would be financed out of the settlement. Citizens' attorneys John Un- sworth Jr. and John Cullotta signed the deal and recom-	Donelon said that no one on the board — which includes law- makers and a designee of State Treasurer John Kennedy — had any appetite for the deal, despite the recommendation	"He's the insurance commis- sioner," Herman said. "I am at a loss for words to believe that someone would rather gamble on hurricane season and the court system upholding a much	States States
	Rep. James Clyburn, the South Carolina Democrat who is now majority whip and leads the Hurricane Katrina-Rita Task	for next year's budget. Jonathan Tilove can be reached at Jülove@timespicayuna.com or	mended that the insurer's board of directors accept it. Balking at the deal	from their attorneys that they take it. In Donelon's view, Citizens did not pass up a \$50 million	higher judgment than to fix the exposure and deal with it in a rational way. I don't understand that."	Superior Alse, Dac.
<i>.</i> ,	Force, authored complementary	202.383.7827.	But the Citizens board failed	deal only to get stuck with a	The situation could be dis-	465-0688

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