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TSONGAS SAYS THAT ADMINISTRATION'S LEBANON RELIEF REQUEST IS NOT ENOUGH

Senator Paul Tsongas indicated today that he will suggest a higher supplemental request for Lebanon relief efforts after Monday's 3:30 p.m. Foreign Relations Committee session on Lebanon rehabilitation.

"The Administration's \$20 million supplemental request for aid to war-torn Lebanon is not nearly enough to cope with the magnitude of human suffering and physical destruction in that country," Tsongas stated.

"I am deeply moved by the plight of the Lebanese people" he said. "I believe that U.S. relief efforts should match the level of human caring that is currently being felt by my colleagues and by all Americans."

After fully assessing State Department and AID testimony on Monday, Tsongas will offer his new estimate.

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