

## S 2037

### Science and Technology Emergency Mobilization Act

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Mar 20, 2002

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for a period to be subsequently

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman. (Sep 9, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/2037>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Mar 20, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 24, 2002
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 9, 2002
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 4, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 4, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 18, 2002)

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Science and Technology Emergency Mobilization Act - Directs the President to designate an appropriate department, agency, or office to: (1) compile and maintain a repository database of nongovernmental technology and science experts who have offered, and who can be mobilized, to help Federal agencies counter terrorism; and (2) develop a procedure to encourage groups of volunteers with technological or scientific expertise to team with individuals from State and local governments, local emergency response agencies, and nongovernmental emergency aid, assistance, and relief organizations. Provides for the certification of such groups as NET (national emergency technology) Guard disaster response teams.

(Sec. 4) Requires the President to: (1) establish a Center for Civilian Homeland Security Technology Evaluation to evaluate innovative technologies relating to security and emergency preparedness and response and to serve as a national clearinghouse for such technologies; and (2) create an online portal to provide a single point of access to the Center and a single point of contact at each Federal agency participating in the Center for individuals and companies with innovative technologies.

(Sec. 5) Directs the President to establish a pilot program of grants for planning or implementation of interoperable communications systems for appropriate emergency response agencies. Requires grants of \$5 million each to seven States under such program.

(Sec. 6) Requires the President to designate an appropriate department, agency, or office to submit to specified congressional committees policy options for ensuring that emergency officials and first responders have access to effective and reliable wireless communications capabilities. Requires a report from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on the barriers to acceptance by Federal agencies of in-kind donations of technology and services during emergency situations.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes appropriations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 9, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Sep 4, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 22, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 22, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 22, 2002:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7081-7084; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S7081-7083)
- **Jul 18, 2002:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-186.
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 459.
- **May 17, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-1070.
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2184-2187)
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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