

## HR 2250

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement the READICall emergency alert system.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2003
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 29, 2003
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 22, 2003)

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement an emergency telephonic alert notification system (the Responsive Emergency Alert and Dissemination of Information Call System or READICall System) to: (1) alert persons of imminent or current hazardous events caused by terrorist acts and other man-made disasters; and (2) provide information to individuals regarding measures to alleviate or minimize threats to their safety and welfare. Directs the Secretary to: (1) make use of national private sector networks, technology, personnel, and infrastructure to develop and implement the System; (2) develop coordinated infrastructure for the System that will be able to provide immediate notification and warning to all telephone subscribers in the United States in a national crisis resulting from a terrorist act and to target specific locations and warn just the affected areas; and (3) collaborate with other Federal, State, and local agencies to allow interoperability between different sources of terrorist threat information, allow the immediate dissemination of information from all levels of governmental sources, and develop standards, protocols, procedures, and terminology to minimize inconsistencies and miscommunication with intelligence information.

Authorizes the Secretary to conduct research and pilot programs as may be necessary for improving the effectiveness of such System.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **May 29, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 29, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 23, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1069)
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