

HR 2537

Emergency Warning Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

Introduced: Jun 19, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Jul 1, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

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Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jun 19, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 20, 2003
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 118	Identical bill	Jan 9, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2003)

Emergency Warning Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretaries of Commerce and Homeland Security to establish comprehensive national standards and systems for providing effective public warnings.

Directs the Secretary of Commerce to: (1) develop and implement benchmarks assessing current all-hazard warning capabilities; (2) conduct research and pilot programs to determine and improve the effectiveness of such warnings; (3) develop specifications for a national backbone for collecting and routing all-hazard warnings; (4) use the full range of communications technologies to provide warnings; (5) provide public warnings through automatic alert televisions and radios; and (6) educate the public about such warnings.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to: (1) develop and recommend standards and guidelines for universal all-hazard terminology and protocols, and (2) issue warnings related to acts of terrorism and other public safety threats via a public warning system.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1313)
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

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