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HR 3158

PREPARE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Sep 24, 2003

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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 24, 2003
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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 24, 2003
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Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2003
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Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Sep 24, 2003
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Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 24, 2003

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Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Sep 24, 2003
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Sep 24, 2003
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Sep 24, 2003
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Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	$D \cdot TX$		Oct 16, 2003
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Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	$D \cdot NY$		Feb 10, 2004
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D·IA		Mar 2, 2004
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2003
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 14, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 20, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2003
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 24, 2003)

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to add provisions entitled the Preparing America to Respond Effectively Act of 2003 (PREPARE Act), which direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a Task Force on Standards for Terrorism Preparedness and authorize the Secretary to make terrorism preparedness and response grants to State governments.

Designates the Office for Domestic Preparedness as being responsible for administering all terrorism preparedness and response grant programs of the Department of Homeland Security.

Requires the Secretary to revise the Homeland Security Advisory System to include a process for activating the System on a regional or critical infrastructure sector basis.

Includes among executive branch responsibilities the making of grants to compensate States and local governments for additional personnel costs incurred as a result of elevated threat level designations.

Requires: (1) the President to specify the lead Federal agency for sharing terrorism threat information with State and local governments; and (2) the Secretary to make grants to State and local governments to provide the equipment and facilities necessary to handle and store classified information. Makes the Under Secretary for Science and Technology responsible for first responder equipment and training standards.

Requires the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response to conduct studies regarding: (1) electromagnetic spectrum and frequency bands for emergency communications; and (2) the establishment of a nationwide emergency notification system.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) procure and deploy equipment to facilitate interoperability between emergency communications systems; (2) award grants for programs at public schools to instruct students in preparing for and responding to a man-made emergency or natural disaster; and (3) establish and maintain a clearinghouse of best practices and curricula for instructing students regarding emergency preparedness and response.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 20, 2003: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- Oct 22, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- Oct 14, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response.
- Oct 6, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- Sep 25, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- Sep 25, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- Sep 25, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- Sep 25, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines.
- Sep 25, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- Sep 24, 2003: Introduced in House
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