

HR 2101

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

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

Introduced: May 4, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology. (May 19, 2005)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/2101>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 4, 2005
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		May 4, 2005
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 4, 2005
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 4, 2005
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		May 4, 2005
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 4, 2005
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	D · NY		May 4, 2005
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 4, 2005
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 4, 2005
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		May 4, 2005
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 4, 2005
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 4, 2005
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 11, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Feb 14, 2006
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Feb 16, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2005
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 4, 2005)

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, other man-made disasters, natural disasters, or any combination of such events; 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

- **May 19, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology.
- **May 13, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **May 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.
- **May 4, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.
- **May 4, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.