

HR 1110

PHONE Act of 2009

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 23, 2009

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 16, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

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| Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14] | D · MI | | Feb 23, 2009 |
| Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX | | Feb 23, 2009 |
| Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18] | R · PA | | Feb 23, 2009 |
| Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27] | D · CA | | Feb 23, 2009 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House | Discharged from | Oct 5, 2009 |
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Dec 16, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement Act of 2009 or the PHONE Act of 2009 - Amends the federal criminal code to: (1) impose a fine, a five-year prison term, or both, on anyone who knowingly uses or provides to another, in interstate or foreign commerce, false caller ID information with intent to wrongfully obtain anything of value; and (2) impose a fine, a one-year prison term, or both, on anyone who knowingly provides caller ID information with the intent to deceive the recipient of the call about the identify of the caller. Exempts from such prohibitions authorized activities of a U.S. law enforcement or intelligence agency. Provides for criminal forfeiture of any gains from violations of this Act and of any equipment, software, or other technology used to commit such violations.

Expands the definition of "telephone call," for purposes of this Act, to mean a call made or received using any real time voice communications service, regardless of the technology or network used.

Establishes fraud crimes related to electronic mail and caller ID spoofing as predicates for money laundering prosecutions.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H15420)
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 418 - 1 (Roll no. 986). (text: CR 12/15/2009 H14896)
- **Dec 16, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 418 - 1 (Roll no. 986). (text: CR 12/15/2009 H14896)
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H14896-14897)
- **Dec 15, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1110.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Conyers objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Nov 2, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 111-321.
- **Nov 2, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 183.
- **Oct 7, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 7, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 5, 2009:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.