

## HR 1178

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2009
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 2, 2009
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 704	Related bill	<b>Mar 25, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
111 HR 1627	Text similarities	<b>Mar 24, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response.

## Summary (as of May 12, 2009)

Directs the Comptroller General of the United States to study and report to the Secretary of Homeland Security and specified congressional committees on the functions and capabilities of the Civil Air Patrol to support the homeland security missions of state, local, and tribal governments and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Requires the Comptroller General to review the process by which the Civil Air Patrol may provide assistance to the Secretary, other federal agencies, and states to support homeland security missions, including by providing: (1) aerial reconnaissance or communications capabilities for border security; (2) capabilities for collective response to an act of terrorism, natural disaster, or other man-made event by assisting in damage assessment and situational awareness, conducting search and rescue operations, assisting in evacuations, or transporting time-sensitive medical or other materials; or (3) assistance in the exercise and training of departmental resources responsible for the intercept of aviation threats to designated restricted areas.

Directs the Comptroller General's report to include assessments of: (1) the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of using Civil Air Patrol assets; and (2) whether current mechanisms for requesting support from the Civil Air Patrol are sufficient.

Requires the Secretary to analyze the study and report to the committees any recommendations for action that could affect DHS's organization and administration.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 13, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 12, 2009:** Mr. Walz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 12, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5428-5430)
- **May 12, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1178.
- **May 12, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5428)
- **May 12, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5428)
- **May 12, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 4, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 111-93, Part I.
- **May 4, 2009:** House Committee on Homeland Security Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than June 3, 2009.
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Subcommittee on Aviation Discharged.
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Mar 2, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response.
- **Feb 26, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 26, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Feb 25, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Feb 25, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.
- **Feb 25, 2009:** Referred to House Homeland Security