

S 1755

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

Introduced: Oct 6, 2009

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Dec 15, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME] | R · ME | | Oct 6, 2009 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Dec 16, 2009 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Dec 10, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 111 HR 2160 | Related bill | May 1, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security: (1) to study and report to Congress on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief; and (2) in conducting the study, to utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the amateur radio, emergency response, and disaster communications communities.

Requires the study to: (1) include a review of the importance of amateur radio emergency communications in furtherance of homeland security missions relating to disasters, severe weather, and other threats to lives and property in the United States, as well as recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of amateur radio licensees and improved integration of amateur radio operators in the planning and furtherance of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) initiatives; and (2) identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications and make recommendations regarding such impediments.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2009:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13201; text as passed Senate: CR S13201)
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13201; text as passed Senate: CR S13201)
- **Dec 10, 2009:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman without amendment. With written report No. 111-105.
- **Dec 10, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 224.
- **Nov 4, 2009:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 6, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 6, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.