

## HR 2489

### National Land Remote Sensing Outreach Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** May 19, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Dec 24, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/2489>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 19, 2009
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 29, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 24, 2009
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 30, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1078	Identical bill	Dec 14, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 695.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on October 21, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

National Land Remote Sensing Outreach Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish and maintain a national land remote sensing outreach program within the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to advance the availability, timely distribution, and widespread use of geospatial imagery for education, research, assessment, and monitoring purposes in each state and on the lands of an Indian tribe.

Requires the Secretary, under such program, to: (1) support geospatial imagery sharing, applied research, and educational programs of each participating state and Indian tribe; (2) identify new geospatial imagery needs and infrastructure; (3) share and cooperate in the development of geospatial imagery applications, education, and training infrastructure in each participating area; (4) cooperate with participating states and tribes to encourage the expansion of geospatial imagery mapping courses taught at educational institutions; (5) encourage expansion of geospatial imagery research at such institutions; (6) encourage expansion of the knowledge and use of geospatial imagery products in the workforce through outreach programs, workshops, and other training opportunities; (7) encourage participating states and tribes to build partnerships with local governments to identify unique research and development needs and geospatial imagery application pilot programs; (8) promote cooperation and sharing of expertise regarding geospatial imagery applications among participating states and tribes; and (9) provide a mechanism to enable the states and tribes to transfer geospatial imagery and applications to USGS.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide grants to qualified educational institutions, to state, local, and tribal governments, or to consortia of these entities on a competitive basis to: (1) advance the interest of the federal government in promoting the use of imagery by educational institutions, states, localities, and tribes; and (2) achieve specified program purposes. Limits the federal share to 75% of the cost of each program for which a grant is made.

Directs the Secretary to establish and maintain a committee to advise the Director of USGS regarding the program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 24, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Oct 28, 2009:** Received in the Senate.
- **Oct 27, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H11824-11825)
- **Oct 27, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 - 33 (Roll no. 817).(text: CR 10/26/2009 H11742-11743)
- **Oct 27, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 - 33 (Roll no. 817). (text: CR 10/26/2009 H11742-11743)
- **Oct 27, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 27, 2009:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 26, 2009:** Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 26, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11742-11744)
- **Oct 26, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2489.
- **Oct 26, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 111-309.
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 175.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 23, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 1, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 19, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1207)
- **May 19, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.