

## HR 71

### Save America's Utility Infrastructure and Secure America Now Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Jan 6, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. (Jan 14, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/71>

## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 6, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Save America's Utility Infrastructure and Secure America Now Act of 2009 - Amends the Federal Power Act to grant the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) enforcement powers with respect to electric reliability standards (currently such powers are exercised by an Electric Reliability Organization [ERO]).

Revises penalty guidelines to subject to federal criminal law any person who violates a FERC-approved electric reliability standard.

Requires FERC to issue a rule in connection with electric reliability standards to prohibit disturbances lasting greater than five days at certain substations (other than planned maintenance).

Instructs the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to study and report to Congress on gaps in emergency planning preparedness and management regarding specified vulnerable populations.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure