

## HR 1277

Southern Borderlands Public Safety Communications Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry. (Apr 8, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 2, 2011
Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jun 1, 2011
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Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 19, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Southern Borderlands Public Safety Communications Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to make competitive grants for public-private partnerships that finance equipment and infrastructure to improve the public safety of persons who are residents of rural areas of the United States near the border with Mexico by enhancing their access to reliable mobile communications. Directs the Secretary to focus on projects in areas impacted by the illegal smuggling and trafficking of people and drugs.

Declares that persons eligible for grants include states, counties, municipalities, organizations representing agricultural producers and other rural Americans, and telecommunications providers.

Repeals the International Forestry Cooperation Act of 1990 to offset sums appropriated under this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 8, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.
- **Apr 7, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.