

## HR 2463

### Border Security Technology Innovation Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 12, 2011
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Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 13, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jul 8, 2011)

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Border Security Technology Innovation Act of 2011 - Directs the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that any federal government interagency or intra-agency agreement entered into by the Under Secretary to develop and transition new technology explicitly characterizes the requirements, expected use, and concept of operations for that technology.

Changes the termination date for DHS's Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee to December 31, 2014.

Directs the Comptroller General to assess the basic science research needs in the border and maritime security domain.

Requires: (1) the Secretary of DHS and the Director of the Joint Planning and Development Office to continue to research and develop technologies to permit routine operation of unmanned aerial vehicles, including autonomously piloted drones, within the national airspace for border and maritime security missions without any degradation of existing levels of safety for all national airspace system users; (2) the Secretary to coordinate with the Director to enter into pilot projects in designated test ranges in sparsely populated, low-density air traffic airspace to conduct research, experiments, and data collection in order to accelerate the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace system as part of that Office's research activities; (3) the Under Secretary to continue to research and develop technologies to permit detection of near surface voids, such as tunnels, with an emphasis on technologies with real time capability; and (4) the Secretary to coordinate with other federal agencies and ensure the integration of such activities with relevant efforts of such other agencies and DHS's Centers of Excellence Program.

Directs the Under Secretary, in coordination with: (1) the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to continue a joint research and development program on anti-counterfeit technologies and standards; and (2) the Commissioner of United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), to continue research on the use of mobile biometric technology at the nation's borders between the ports of entry.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 13, 2011:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 13, 2011:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 12, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jul 12, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.
- **Jul 8, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 8, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.
- **Jul 8, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.