

## S 2971

### National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** May 23, 2016

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 114-326.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-326. (Dec 16, 2016)

**Law:** 114-326 (Enacted Dec 16, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2971>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

#### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 23, 2016
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		May 23, 2016
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 24, 2016
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		May 26, 2016
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2016
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 11, 2016
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 29, 2016

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 30, 2016
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 1, 2016

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1471	Related bill	Mar 1, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on December 7, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to: (1) continue to administer the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System; (2) provide for a national network of standardized search and rescue resources to assist states and local governments in responding to hazards; (3) designate urban search and rescue teams to participate in the system, determine participation criteria, and enter into an agreement with the state or local government agency sponsoring each team with respect to such participation; and (4) maintain management and technical teams necessary to administer the system.

FEMA may appoint a system member for a period of federal service to provide for the participation of such member in exercises, pre-incident staging, major disaster and emergency response activities, and training events sponsored or sanctioned by FEMA.

FEMA shall enter into: (1) an annual preparedness cooperative agreement under which amounts shall be made available to a sponsoring agency for training and exercises, acquisition and maintenance of equipment, and medical monitoring required for responder safety and health; and (2) a response cooperative agreement under which FEMA shall reimburse a sponsoring agency for costs incurred in responding to a major disaster or emergency.

FEMA shall submit a report on the development of a plan to finance, maintain, and replace system equipment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 16, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 16, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-326.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7135)
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 2971 by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 2971 by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 8, 2016:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Mr. Barletta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7310-7312)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2971.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** DEBATE - The House continued with debate on S. 2971.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** 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.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7325-7326)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** 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): 405 - 7 (Roll no. 615). (text: CR H7310-7311)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 7 (Roll no. 615). (text: CR H7310-7311)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6623-6626; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6623-6624; text as passed Senate: CR S6624-6626)
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6623-6626; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6623-6624; text as passed Senate: CR S6624-6626)
- **Aug 30, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/14/2016 with an amendment. With written report No. 114-307.
- **Aug 30, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 578.
- **May 25, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 23, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.