

HR 6096

READI Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Mar 5, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 5, 2020
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Mar 5, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 10, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2693	Related bill	Sep 29, 2020: Held at the desk.
116 S 4049	Related bill	Aug 7, 2020: Held at the desk.
116 HR 4856	Related bill	Feb 27, 2020: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Reliable Emergency Alert Distribution Improvement Act of 2020 or READI Act

This bill modifies how citizens receive emergency alerts through wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems.

Specifically, the bill includes emergency alerts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a type of alert that mobile subscribers may not block from their devices. (Currently, only alerts from the President may not be blocked.)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must adopt regulations that encourage states to establish a State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) and provide that each SECC meets at least annually to review and update its Emergency Alert System (EAS) Plan. The FCC must approve or disapprove the updated plan.

The FCC shall also (1) establish a system to receive from FEMA or state, tribal, or local governments reports of false alerts under the EAS or the Wireless EAS and to record such false alerts and examine their causes; (2) modify the EAS to provide for repeating messages while an alert remains pending; and (3) examine the feasibility of offering EAS alerts through the internet, including through audio and video streaming services.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2020:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 596.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5820-5823)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6096.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5820-5821)
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- **Nov 17, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-582, Part I.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 480.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 6, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 5, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2020:** 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.