



Legislative Checklist: Major Space-Related Legislation in the 112th Congress

Bill	House			Senate			Conf. Report	Signed into Law
	Subcmte	Full Cmte	Passed	Subcmte	Full cmte	Passed		
Appropriations and Authorization Bills (For a crosswalk showing which issues are covered in which appropriations bill, see the next table.)								
H.R. 2112* Ag, CJS, T-HUD Approps Minibus		See HR 2596, S 1596 below			See S 1572,S 1596 below	11/01/11	H. Rept. 112-284 11/14/11 Passed H & S 11/17/11	
H.R. 754/ S. 719 FY2011 Intel Authorization		H. Rept. 112-72 05/03/11	05/13/11		S. Rept. 112-12 04/04/11	Passed H.R. 754 05/26/11	N/A	P.L. 112-018 06/08/11
H.R. 1540/ S. 1867† FY2012 Defense Authorization	Subcmte Markups 05/03-04/11	H. Rept. 112-78 05/17/11	05/26/11		S. Rept. 112-26† 06/22/11			
H.R. 1892/ S. 1458 FY2012 Intel Authorization		Marked up 05/26/11 H. Rept 112-197 09/02/11	09/09/11		S. Rept. 112-43 08/01/11			
H.R. 2219 FY2012 Defense Approps	Marked up 06/01/11	H. Rept. 112-110 6/16/11	07/08/11	Marked up 09/13/11	S. Rept. 112-77 09/15/11			
H.R. 2354 FY2012 Energy- Water Approps	Marked up 06/02/11	H. Rept. 112-118 06/24/11	07/15/11	Marked up 09/06/11	S. Rept. 111-75 09/07/11			
H.R. 2596/ S. 1572 FY2012 CJS Approps	Marked up 07/07/11	H. Rept. 112-169 07/20/11	see H.R. 2112	Marked up 09/14/11	S. Rept. 112-78 09/15/11	See HR 2112		
HR. 2584 FY2012 Interior Approps	Marked up 07/07/11	H. Rept. 112-151 07/19/11	Floor debate began 07/25/11					

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H.R. 2434 S. 1573 FY2012 Fin. Serv. approps	Marked up 06/16/11	H. Rept. 112-136 07/07/11		Marked up 09/14/11	S. Rept. 112-79 09/15/11			
S. 1596 Transportation- HUD approps	Marked up 09/08/11		see H.R. 2112	Marked up 09/20/11	S. Rept. 112-83 09/21/11	See HR 2112		
OTHER LEGISLATION								
H.R. 286 (Green) JSC Workforce Stability Act								
H.R. 1536 (Chaffetz) Space Shuttle Retirement Act								
H.R. 1590 (Jackson Lee) Disposition of Shuttle Discovery								
H.R. 1641 (Posey) REAL Space Act								
H.R. 2004 (Berman) Tech Security & Anti-Boycott Act (re export controls)								

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For an explanation of “authorization” versus “appropriation” and other legislative terminology see our [“What’s a Markup?”](#) Fact Sheet.

*The Senate combined three appropriations bills into one, colloquially called a “minibus” because it has fewer of the 12 appropriations bills in it than an “omnibus” bill. The three bills – Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS), and Transportation-HUD (T-HUD) – are being considered under this House bill number for the Agriculture bill. The House never passed the individual CJS or T-HUD bills, but the two chambers agreed to conference on a final measure anyway. The CJS bill had been reported from the House committee, but the T-HUD bill was not. H.R. 2112 also contains a Continuing Resolution (CR) that will keep the other government agencies operating until December 16, 2011.

† The Senate Armed Services Committee reported S. 1253 on June 11, 2011 (S. Rept. 112-26). However, on November 15, 2011, it approved a different bill, S. 1867, and sent it to the Senate floor without a written report.

Crosswalk of Space-Related Topics in FY2012 Appropriations Bills (alphabetically by bill title)

Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) (H.R. 2596, H.R. 2112)	Funding for NASA and NOAA space programs
Defense (H.R. 2219)	Funding for DOD and intelligence community space programs
Energy-Water (H.R. 2354)	Funding for Dept. of Energy's space-related activities, including development of radioisotope power sources for NASA probes
Financial Services (H.R. 2434)	Funding for FCC, including its actions related to LightSquared's application for a mobile broadband service that might interfere with GPS
Interior-Environment (H.R. 2584)	Funding for USGS's satellite activities including its role in the Landsat program
Transportation-Housing & Urban Dev. (H.R. 2112)	Funding for the FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation

Committees of Jurisdiction for bills listed or expected to be listed in this fact sheet
(see their websites or [Thomas](#) for more detailed information on legislative action)

DOD Authorization: [House Armed Services Committee](#), [Senate Armed Services Committee](#). The Strategic Forces Subcommittee has jurisdiction over most space programs.

Defense Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The Defense Subcommittee has jurisdiction over most space programs.

DOE Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The Energy and Water Development Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Department of Energy (DOE). DOE produces radioisotope power systems used by NASA for certain space science missions and provides the plutonium-238 fuel for them. It also cooperates with NASA on certain high energy physics missions such as Fermi (formerly GLAST).

Export Controls addressed in Berman's bill: [House Foreign Affairs Committee](#), [House Oversight and Government Reform Committee](#)

FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation authorization: [House Science, Space and Technology Committee](#); [Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee](#).

FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) Subcommittee has jurisdiction over FAA.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The FCC is part of the Financial Services, General Government Subcommittee. Section 603 of H.R. 2434, the FY2012 appropriations bill that includes the FCC, pertains to the [LightSquared](#) issue.

Intelligence Authorization: [House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#), [Senate Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#). (Appropriations for the Intelligence Community are included in the defense appropriations bill.)

NASA Authorization: [House Science, Space and Technology Committee](#); [Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee](#). The House SS&T Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Science and Space have jurisdiction over NASA programs. The House SS&T Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard have jurisdiction over NOAA.

NASA Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Subcommittee has jurisdiction over NASA programs.

NOAA Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Subcommittee has jurisdiction over programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA, part of the Department of Commerce). NOAA is responsible for civil weather satellites and other operational earth observation satellites.

USGS Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The Interior and Environment Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), part of the Department of the Interior. USGS for many years has managed archiving and distribution of imagery from the Landsat series of satellites. In the FY2012 budget request, it proposes to take over the Landsat program – including building the next three in the series – in its entirety from NASA. It would have the same relationship with NASA as does NOAA in that it would develop the requirements and pay for the satellites, but NASA would be the acquisition agent on a reimbursable basis.