



Legislative Checklist 113th Congress: Major Space-Related Legislation

(see notes at end of table)

Bill	House			Senate			Conf. Rpt./ Other	Pub. Law #/ Date Signed
	Sbcmte	Full Cmte	Passed	Sbcmte	Full Cmte	Passed		
Appropriations								
Appropriations: FY2015								
<u>H.R. 83</u> <u>FY2015</u> <u>CROMNIBUS</u> <small>See note 5</small>			Passed 12/11/14			Passed 12/13/14		P.L. 113-235 12/16/14
<u>H. J. Res 131</u> <u>FY2015 CR thru</u> <u>Dec. 18</u>			Passed 12/12/14			Passed 12/13/14		P.L. 113-203 12/13/14
<u>H.J. Res. 130</u> <u>FY2015 CR thru</u> <u>Dec 13</u>			Passed 12/11/14			Passed 12/11/14		P.L. 113-202 12/12/14
<u>H. J. Res. 124</u> <u>FY2015</u> <u>Continuing</u> <u>Resolution (CR</u> <u>thru Dec 11)</u>			Passed 09/17/14			Passed 09/18/14		P.L. 113-164 09/19/14
<u>H.R. 4660</u> <u>S. 2437</u> <u>FY2015 CJS</u> <u>approps</u>	marked up 4/30/14	H. Rpt. 113-448 05/15/14	Passed 05/30/14	marked up 06/03/14	S. Rpt. 113-181 06/05/14	see notes 2 and 5	see notes 2 and 5	see CRomnibus P.L. 113-235

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<u>H.R. 4745</u> <u>S. 2438</u> FY2015 T-HUD approps	marked up 05/07/14	H. Rpt. 113-464 05/27/14	Passed 06/10/14	marked up 06/03/14	S. Rpt 113-182 06/05/14	see notes 2 and 5	see notes 2 and 5	see CRomnibus P.L. 113-235
<u>HR 4870</u> FY2015 defense approps	marked up 05/30/14	marked up 06/10/14 H. Rpt. 113-473 06/13/14	Passed 06/20/14	hrg 06/18/14	S. Rpt. 113-221 7/17/14	see note 5	see note 5	see CRomnibus P.L. 113-235
Appropriations: FY2014								
<u>H.R. 3547</u> FY2014 Consolidated ("omnibus") Approps	See note 1	See note 1	See note 1	See note 1	See note 1	See note 1	Agreement 01/13/14 Passed H 01/15/14 Passed S 01/16/14	P.L. 113-76 01/17/14
<u>H.R. 2397</u> <u>S. 1429</u> FY14 Defense	Marked up 06/05/13	H. Rept. 113-113 06/07/13	07/24/13	Markup 07/30/13	S. Rept, 113-85 08/01/013		See note 1	See note 1
<u>H.R. 2610</u> <u>S.1243</u> FY14 T-HUD (FAA)	Marked up 06/19/20	H. Rept. 113-136 07/02/13	floor debate began 7/30/13; suspended 07/31/13	Marked up 06/25/13	S. Rept. 113-45 06/27/13	floor debate began 07/23/13; suspended 08/01/13	See note 1	See note 1
<u>H.R. 2787</u> <u>S. 1329</u> FY14 CJS (NASA, NOAA)	Marked up 07/10/13	H. Rept. 113-171 07/23/13		Marked up 07/16/13	S. Rept. 113-78 07/18/13		See note 1	See note 1
<u>H.R. 2775 as amended</u> FY2014 Continuing Resolution**							Sen and House agreed to amended bill 10/16/13	P.L. 113-46 10/17/13
Appropriations: FY2013								
<u>H.R. 152</u> FY13 Suppl for Hurricane Sandy (incl \$ for NASA, NOAA)			01/15/13			01/28/13		P.L. 113-2 01/29/13
<u>H.R. 933</u> FY2013 CR (final)			03/06/13		03/18/13	03/20/13	House agreed to Sen version 03/21/13*	P.L. 113-6 03/26/13

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Authorizations								
<u>H.R. 4412</u> 2014 NASA Auth	marked up 04/09/14	H. Rpt. 113-470 06/05/14	Passed 06/09/14 (see note 3)					
<u>H.R. 3979</u> <u>H.R. 4435/</u> <u>S. 2410</u> Nat'l Defense Auth Act 2015	Strategic Forces Sbcmte markup 04/30/14	H.R. 4435 Marked up 05/07/14 H. Rept. 113-446 05/13/14	H.R. 4435 Passed 05/22/14	Sbcmtes marked up 5/20-21/13	S. 2410 S. Rpt. 113-176 06/02/14	N/A	Compromise version (HR 3979) passed H 12/04/14 passed S 12/12/14	P.L. 113-291 12/19/14
<u>H.R. 3381/</u> <u>S. 1681</u> FY2014 Intelligence Auth (see note 4)		H. Rept. 113-277 11/25/13	see H.R. 4681		S. Rept. 113-120 11/13/13	passed (amended) 06/11/14	House agreed to S. 1681 (FY2014) 06/24/14	P.L. 113-120 07/08/14
<u>H.R. 4681</u> FY2014-2015 Intelligence Auth (see note 4)	see H.R. 3381 below	Cmte approved revised version of HR 3381 5/22/14	H.R. 4681 Passed 5/30/14	see S. 1681 and S. 2741	see S. 1681 and S. 2741 See S. 2741	see S. 1681 and S. 2741	House agreed to S. 1681 for FY2014 06/24/14 Compromise version of HR 4681 for FY2015 passed S 12/9/14 passed H 12/10/14	see S. 1681
<u>S. 2741</u> FY2015 Intelligence Auth (see note 4)					S. Rept. 113-233 07/31/14		See HR 4681	See HR 4681
<u>H.R. 3304†</u> <u>H.R. 1960</u> <u>S. 1197</u> Nat'l Defense Auth Act 2014	H.R. 1960 markups 5/22-23/13	H.R. 1960 H Rept 113-102 06/07/13	H.R. 1960 passed 06/14/13 Compromise version (H.R. 3304) passed 12/12/13	S. 1197 marked up 6/11-12/13	S. 1197 S Rept 113-44 06/20/13	Floor debate began 11/18/13 on S 1197; suspended 11/21/13; H.R. 3304 passed 12/19/13	H and S agreed on compromise version (H.R. 3304)	H.R. 3304 signed into law P.L. 113- 66 12/26/13
<u>H.R. 2687</u> <u>S. 1317</u> 2013 NASA Auth	Marked up 07/10/13	Ord. Rpt. 07/18/13			Ord. Rpt. 07/30/13			

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<u>H.R. 2616</u> 2013 NASA Auth (Dem version)	Introduced as amendment to HR 2687; defeated	Introduced as amendment to HR 2687; defeated						
Selected Other Legislation								
<u>H.J. Res. 59</u> Bipartisan Budget Act			12/12/13			12/18/13	H and S agreed to compromise version	P.L. 113-67 12/26/13
<u>H.R. 667/</u> <u>S. 1636</u> Rename Dryden FRC After Neil Armstrong			02/25/13			01/08/14	Senate passed House bill	P.L. 113-75 01/16/14
<u>H.R. 823</u> Space Ldrshp Presvtn Act	Hearing 02/27/13							
<u>H.R. 2413</u> Weather Forecasting Improvement Act	Marked up 07/09/13	H. Rept. 113-383 03./21/14						
<u>H.R. 2617</u> Apollo Lunar Lndg Legacy Act								
<u>H.R. 3038</u> SOARS Act	Hearing 11/21/13							
<u>H.R. 3547/</u> <u>S. 1753</u> 3 rd Party Liability	Hearing 11/21/13		12/02/13			passed HR 3547, amended 12/12/13	See note 1	See note 1
<u>H.R. 3625</u> Termination liability for certain NASA projects		Ord. Rpt. 12/11/13						
<u>S. 2140</u> Permits/Licenses for Cmrc Reusable Vehicles					marked up 04/09/14 Amended version			
<u>H.R. 5063</u> ASTERIODS Act	Hearing 09/10/14							

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For an explanation of the difference between an authorization and an appropriation, see our "[What's a Markup](#)" Fact Sheet.

"Ord. Rpt." means the bill was "ordered reported" from the committee -- the committee approved it and ordered that it be reported to the House or Senate, but the report has not been filed yet, so there is no report number. **"Skld"** – scheduled. **N/A** – no action or not applicable

Note 1: H.R. 3547 originally was a bill to extend third party liability indemnification for commercial launch services companies. It passed the House approving a one-year extension. The Senate amended it to a three-year extension and returned the bill to the House. There, it was transformed into the FY2014 Omnibus Appropriations Act (or Consolidated Appropriations Act) funding the government for the rest of FY2014 as well as extending indemnification. The Omnibus incorporates all the 12 regular FY2014 appropriations bills, including Defense, CJS, and T-HUD. The bill and accompanying explanatory statements are posted on the [House Rules Committee website](#); NASA and NOAA are in Division B. The explanatory statement is separated into several sections on the Rules Committee's website. Division B is part of the section entitled "Front Matter – Division B." DOD is Division C. Transportation (including FAA) is Division L.

Note 2: The Senate debated the Motion to Proceed to Consideration of H.R. 4660, the House-passed version of the CJS appropriations bill over several days during the weeks of June 9 and 16, 2014. The Senate Appropriations Committee planned to introduce an amendment in the nature of the substitute with the texts of three bills – CJS, T-HUD and Agriculture – to create a "minibus" appropriations bill. However, agreement could not be reached on the amendment process, as explained in this [SpacePolicyOnline.com article](#), and action on the bill stalled. Ultimately, these were among the bills included in the "cromnibus," H.R. 83 (see note 5).

Note 3: The House passed H. R. 4412, the 2014 NASA Authorization Act, on June 9, 2014. However, some sort of error occurred in the engrossment process and the House sent the Senate the wrong version of the bill. It then requested the Senate to return the bill, which it did on June 19, 2014 (the Commerce Committee was discharged from further consideration of the bill and the Senate agreed to the request of the House for the return of the papers with respect to H.R. 4412). On June 20, 2014, the House agreed to a unanimous consent request by Rep. Steve Palazzo (R-MS), without objection, to engross the correct version of the bill.

Note 4: The House and Senate Intelligence Committees each reported FY2014 Intelligence Authorization bills in November 2013 (H.R. 3381/S. 1681). There was no further action until May 2014 when the House passed a revised bill (H.R. 4681) that covered both FY2014 and FY2015. The Senate, however, did not follow suit and in June 2014 instead passed an amended version of its original bill, S. 1681 covering only FY2014. The House agreed to that bill and it became law in July 2014 (P.L. 113-120). The Senate committee then introduced and reported a new bill for FY2015 (S. 2741). The House and Senate committees reached a compromise on a FY2015 bill using the H.R. 4681 bill number. The Senate passed the compromise version as an amendment to H.R. 4681 on December 9 and then the House agreed to the amended version on December 10, 2014.

Note 5: The "cromnibus" is a combination of a short-term (through Feb. 27, 2015) Continuing Resolution (CR) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and a full-year (through the end of FY2015 on September 30, 2015) omnibus appropriations for all other departments and agencies funded by the regular appropriations bills. "Omnibus" bills combine several individual appropriations bills into one to expedite congressional consideration. In this case, the omnibus combines 11 of the 12 regular appropriations bills – all except DHS – including the Commerce-Justice-Science bill that funds NASA and NOAA (Division B), and the defense bill (Division D). **The official title of this bill is the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015.** The final version of the bill is [posted on GPO's website](#). The accompanying joint explanatory statement was [published in the Congressional Record](#) on December 11, 2014.

* For the FY2013 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriation Act (P.L. 113-6), the House published an explanatory statement in the March 6, 2013 Congressional Record beginning at page H1029 and the Senate published an explanatory statement in the March 11, 2013 Congressional Record beginning on page S1287.

** This CR reopened the government after a 16 day shutdown (October 1-16, 2013), raised the debt limit, and funds the government through January 15, 2014. The text of H.R. 2775 as originally passed by the House was replaced by new text. As amended, the title of the bill is the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014. The text is on the Senate Appropriations Committee's [website](#).

† H.R. 3304 originally concerned awarding Medals of Honor to certain individuals. It was used as a vehicle for a [compromise version](#) of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) agreed to by the House and Senate Armed Services Committees on December 9, 2013. The House adopted the amended version on December 12, 2013, the Senate on December 19, 2013.

**TABLE 2: CROSSWALK OF SPACE-RELATED TOPICS IN FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS
(ALPHABETICALLY BY TITLE)**

Commerce-Justice-Science	Funding for NASA and NOAA
Defense	Funding for DOD and Intelligence Community
Interior-Environment	Funding for USGS (part of Dept. of Interior), which operates Landsat
Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD)	Funding for FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation (FAA is part of Dept. of 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.

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, of which the Office of Commercial Space Transportation is part.

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 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 NOAA, which is part of the Department of Commerce.