



Legislative Checklist 114th Congress: Major Space-Related Legislation
(see notes at end of table, **bills of special interest highlighted in green**)

Bill	House			Senate			Conf. Rpt./ Other	Pub. Law #/ Date Signed
	Sbcmte	Full Cmte	Passed	Sbcmte	Full Cmte	Passed		
FY 2017 Appropriations								
H.R. 2028 FY2017 CR (till Apr 28, 2017) see note 12			Passed 12/08/16			Passed 12/09/16	N/A	P.L. 114-254 12/10/16
H.R. 5325 FY2017 CR (till Dec 9) & MilCon-VA App	NA	NA	Passed 09/28/16	NA	NA	Passed 09/28/16	House agreed to Senate bill 09/28/16	P.L. 114-223 09/29/16
H.R. 5394/ S. 2844 FY2017 T-HUD see note 9	Approved 05/18/16	Approved 05/24/16 H. Rept. 114-606 06/07/16		Approved 04/19/16	S. Rept. 114-243 04/21/16	Passed as part of HR 2577 See note 9 05/19/16	Conference version of HR 2577 does NOT include T-HUD	no further action
H.R. 5393/ S. 2387 FY2017 CJS see note 10	Approved 05/18/16	Approved 05/24/16 H. Rept. 114-605 06/07/16		Approved 04/19/16	S. Rept. 114-239 04/21/16	Floor debate began 06/15/16, suspended See note 10		no further action
H.R. 5293/ S. 3000 FY2017 Defense	Approved 05/11/16	H. Rept. 114-577 05/19/16	Passed 06/16/16	Approved 05/24/16	S. Rept. 114-263 05/26/16	Motion to proceed rejected 07/07/16		no further action
FY2016 Appropriations								
H.R. 2029 FY2016 Consolidated Appropriations	see note 3	see note 3	Passed 12/18/15	see note 3	see note 3	Passed 12/18/15	N/A	P.L. 114-113 12/18/15

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<u>H.R. 2577</u> FY2016 T-HUD	Approved 04/29/15	H. Rept. 114-129 05/27/15	Passed 06/09/15	Approved 06/23/15	S. Rept. 114-75 06/25/15	see note 9		no further action
<u>H.R. 2578</u> FY2016 CJS	Approved 05/14/15	H. Rept. 114-130 05/27/15	Passed 06/03/15	Approved 06/10/15	S. Rept. 114-66 06/16/15	see note 10		no further action
<u>H.R. 2685/</u> <u>S. 1558</u> FY2016 Defense	Approved 05/20/15	Approved 06/02/15	Passed 06/11/15	Approved 06/09/15	S. Rept. 114-63 06/11/15	Attempt to bring to floor failed cloture 3 times		no further action
<u>H.R. 719</u> FY2016 CR thru Dec 11, 2015	see note 3	see note 3	Passed 09/30/15	see note 3	see note 3	Passed 09/30/15	N/A	P.L. 114-53 09/30/15
<u>H.R. 2250</u> FY2016 CR thru Dec 16, 2015	see note 3	see note 3	Passed 12/11/15	see note 3	see note 3	Passed 12/10/15	N/A	P.L. 114-96 12/11/15
<u>H.J. Res. 78</u> FY2016 CR thru Dec. 22, 2015	N/A	N/A	Passed 12/16/15	N/A	N/A	Passed 12/16/15	N/A	P.L. 114-100 12/16/15
Authorizations								
<u>H.R. 1735/</u> <u>S. 1376</u> FY2016 Natl Defense Auth Act (NDAA)	Approved 04/23/15	H. Rept. 114-102 05/05/15	Passed 05/15/15	Approved 05/12/15	S. Rpt. 114-49 05/19/15	Passed HR 1735, amended, 06/18/15	Conf agreement reached 09/29/15 Passed H 10/2/15 Passed S 10/7/15	Vetoed 10/22/15 (see S. 1356 and note 6)
<u>S. 1356</u> <u>Revised FY2016</u> NDAA (see note 6)	N/A	N/A	Passed 11/05/15	N/A	N/A	Passed 11/10/15	[this revised text replaces HR 1735]	P.L. 114-92 11/25/15
<u>H.R. 4909/</u> <u>S. 2943</u> FY2017 Natl Def Auth Act (NDAA)	Approved 04/20-21/16	H. Rept. 114-537 05/04/16	Passed 05/26/16	Approved 05/10-11/16	S. Rept. 114-255 05/19/16	Passed 06/14/16	S 2943 conf version passed H 12/02/16 passed S 12/08/16	P.L. 114-328 12/23/16
<u>H.R. 810</u> NASA Auth Act 2015	N/A	N/A	Passed 02/10/15			see S. 3346		no further action
<u>H.R. 2039</u> NASA Auth Act 2016 and 2017	N/A	Ord. Rpt. 04/30/15				see S. 3346		no further action
<u>S. 3346</u> NASA Transition Auth Act 2016				NA	Ord. Rpt. (amended) 09/21/16	Passed (amended) 12/09/16		no further action

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<u>H.R. 2596/</u> <u>S. 1705</u> FY2016 Intelligence Auth	N/A	H. Rept. 114-144 06/09/15	Passed 06/16/15	N/A	S. Rept. 114-83 07/16/15	see H.R. 4127 and note 8	see H.R. 4127 and note 8	see H.R. 4127 and note 8
<u>H.R. 4127</u> FY2016 Intelligence Auth	NA	N/A	Passed 12/01/15	N/A	N/A			no further action
<u>H.R. 6480/</u> <u>H.R. 6393/</u> <u>H.R. 5077/</u> <u>S. 3017</u> FY2017 Intelligence Auth	N/A	<u>H.R. 5077</u> H. Rpt. 114-573 05/18/16	<u>H.R. 5077</u> Passed 05/24/16 <u>H.R. 6393</u> passed 11/30/16 <u>H.R. 6480</u> passed 12/08/16	N/A	<u>S. 3017</u> Approved 06/10/16 S. Rpt. 114-277 07/15/16			no further action
<u>H.R 597</u> Export-Import Bank Reauth		[Discharge petition signed– see note 4]	Passed 10/27/15				see H.R. 22	see H.R. 22
<u>H.R. 22</u> DRIVE Act (incl Ex-Im Bank Reauth)	see note 7	see note 7	amended Senate- passed bill 11/05/15	see note 7	see note 7	Passed 07/30/15	Compromise reached 12/01/15 passed H and S 12/02/15	P.L. 114-94 12/04/15
<u>H.R. 636/S. 2658</u> FAA Reauthori- zation			Passed 02/13/15		Ord. Rpt. 03/16/16	H.R. 636, amended, passed 04/19/16	Final version HR 636 passed H 07/11/16 passed S 07/13/16	P.L. 114-190 07/15/16
Selected Other Legislation								
<u>H.R. 1314</u> Bipartisan Budgt Act 2015 (note 5)	N/A	N/A	Passed 10/28/15	N/A	N/A	Passed 10/30/15	N/A	P.L. 114-74 11/02/15
<u>H.R. 3614</u> Airport/Airway Xtsn Act (xtends learning period)	none	none	09/28/15	none	none	09/29/15	N/A	P.L. 114-55 09/30/15
<u>H.R. 1508/</u> <u>S. 976</u> Space Res & Expl Utilization	N/A	see note 2	Passed 05/21/15 (see note 2)					see HR 2262 and note 2
<u>H.R. 1561</u> Wx Rsrch & Forecast Innovation	N/A	H. Rept. 114-126 05/19/15	Passed 05/19/15				Conf version (note 11) passed S 12/01/16	no further action

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<u>H.R. 2093</u> Space Ldrship Preservation Act	Hearing held 03/17/16							no further action
<u>H.R. 2262</u> <u>SPACE Act/</u> <u>S. 1297</u> Cmrc'l Sp Lannch Competitiveness Act (CSLCA)	N/A	H. Rept. 114-119 05/18/15	Passed 05/21/15 (see note 2)	N/A	S. Rept. 114-88 07/22/15	08/04/15	Compromise HR 2262 Passed S 11/10/15	P.L. 114-90 11/25/15
<u>H.R. 2261</u> Cmrc'l Remote Sensing Act	N/A	see note 2	Passed 05/21/15 (see note 2)					see HR 2262 and note 2
<u>H.R. 2263</u> Office of Space Commerce	N/A	see note 2	Passed 05/21/15 (see note 2)					see HR 2262 and note 2
<u>H.R. 2726/</u> <u>S. 2957</u> Apollo 11 50 th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act			Passed 12/05/16			Passed 12/09/16	N/A	P.L. 114-282 12/16/16
<u>S. 1331</u> Seasonal Wx Forecasting				N/A	Ord. Rpt. 05/20/15		see HR 1561	see HR 1561
<u>H.R. 4755</u> INSPIRE Women Act re STEM education	N/A	N/A	Passed 03/22/16		Approved 09/21/16 Reported w/o written report 09/26/16			no further action
<u>H.R. 4945</u> American Space Renaissance Act								10 provisions incl in FY2017 NDAA
<u>S. 2817</u> Space Wx Res & Forecasting Act				N/A	Ord. Rpt. 04/27/16 S. Rept. 114-285 11/28/16			no further action
<u>H.R. 6007</u> FAA navigable airspace analysis to incl cmrc'l launch/reentry impact	N/A	N/A	Passed 09/21/2016			Passed without amendment 11/16/16	N/A	P.L. 114-248 11/28/16

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<u>HR 6076</u> TREAT Astronauts Act	Related hrg 06/15/16	Approved (amended) 09/21/16	Passed (amended) 12/07/16			Incorporated into NASA Auth see S. 3346 passed 12/09/16		no further action
<u>H.R. 6147</u> Apollo 1 Memorial Act								no further action

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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:** There was no committee action on H.R. 810. It was introduced on February 9, 2015 and passed under suspension of the rules the next day.
- Note 2:** H.R. 1508, H.R. 2261, H.R. 2262 and H.R. 2263 were marked up separately at committee level on May 13, 2015, but then combined into a single bill, H.R. 2262 (H. Rept. 114-119), which passed the House on May 21, 2015. The Senate passed a separate commercial space bill (S. 1297). The House-Senate compromise version retains the H.R. 2262 number and passed the Senate on November 10, 2015.
- Note 3:** Congress used H.R. 719, the TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act, as the legislative vehicle for the FY2016 Continuing Resolution (CR). Legislative action prior to the end of September 2015 is not relevant to the CR. Similarly, it used the unrelated H.R. 2250 to extend the CR for five days; prior action on H.R. 2250 is not relevant. For the full-year omnibus appropriations bill combining all 12 regular appropriations bills, Congress used H.R. 2029, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (Milcon-VA) appropriations bill.
- Note 4:** On October 9, 2015, Rep. Steve Fincher (R-TN) obtained the required 218 signatures on a discharge petition to move the bill out of the Financial Services Committee (where no action had been taken) to the House floor for a vote. Committee chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), opposes the bill. It passed, but the House then decided to deal with this issue as part of a Senate-passed version of the surface transportation bill. See Note 7.
- Note 5:** Just after midnight on October 27, 2015, [a deal negotiated by top congressional leaders and President Obama to raise budget caps and the debt limit](#) was introduced in the House as an amendment to H.R. 1314, an unrelated bill. H.R. 1314 began as a bill to allow appeals of IRS determinations of tax-exempt status. The Senate amended that bill, replacing it with the text of the Trade Act of 2015. The House amended the Senate amendment, replacing it with the text of the budget/debt limit deal -- the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. Legislative action prior to October 27, 2015 is not relevant.
- Note 6:** After [vetoing](#) the original FY2016 NDAA (H.R. 1735) primarily because of a budget “gimmick” Republicans used to add money for defense while not adding money for non-defense spending elsewhere, the White House and Congress reached agreement on the budget/debt limit (see Note 5). [Congress then revised the FY2016 NDAA, using an unrelated bill, S. 1356](#), as the legislative vehicle, striking all after the enacting clause and substituting the text of the new version of the NDAA. Action on S. 1356 prior to November 5, 2015 is not relevant.
- Note 7:** Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank is very controversial as chronicled on SpacePolicyOnline.com (type Export Import Bank into our search box for further details). Although the House [ultimately passed a stand-alone bill](#) (H.R. 597) to reauthorize the Bank, the Senate wanted to consider the issue only as part of broader

legislation. In July 2015, it had added reauthorization of the Bank to a bill (H.R. 22) to reauthorize surface transportation projects. (H.R. 22 originally was on an unrelated topic related to hiring veterans, but was transformed into the surface transportation bill– the Developing a Reliable and Innovation Vision for the Economy, or DRIVE, Act – by the Senate). The House refused to consider the Senate-passed bill in July because of the Ex-Im Bank controversy. After H.R. 597 passed in October 2015, however, the House did take up H.R. 22 as it had passed the Senate. [After another round of intense debate and many amendments, the House passed H.R. 22](#) with the Senate’s Ex-Im Bank language intact. Conferees agreed on a final version on December 1, 2015, including the Ex-Im Bank language with no changes.

Note 8: An updated FY2016 Intelligence Authorization bill, H.R. 4127, was introduced in the House that combines aspects of the bill earlier passed by the House (H.R. 2596) and of the bill reported from the Senate Intelligence Committee (S. 1705).

Note 9: The Senate passed H.R. 2577, the FY2016 Transportation-HUD (T-HUD) appropriations bill, on May 19, 2016 after substituting the text of the Senate Appropriations Committee’s version of the FY2017 T-HUD bill (S. 2844) along with the text of the Senate committee’s version of the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs (MilCon-VA) appropriations bill and legislation concerning response to the Zika virus. Ordinarily, the House passes appropriations bills first and sends them to the Senate for action. The Senate typically then adopts an “amendment in the nature of a substitute” that replaces the House text with its own and proceeds to make other changes. Because the House had not passed a FY2017 T-HUD bill at the time the Senate was ready to deal with the matter, it used the FY2016 bill (which never passed the Senate) instead. The House and Senate reached agreement on a conference version of H.R. 2577, but it does NOT include the T-HUD bill; it is only Milcon-VA bill plus Zika funding, topics that are not covered in this fact sheet. For completeness, the House passed the conference version of H.R. 2577 on June 23, but it failed a cloture vote in the Senate on June 28 and remains in limbo. (The House had not acted on its version of T-HUD by the date of this fact sheet.)

Note 10: The Senate debate on the FY2017 CJS bill is using LAST YEAR’s (FY2016) CJS bill, H.R. 2578, as the legislative vehicle. Ordinarily, the House passes appropriations bills first and sends them to the Senate for action. The Senate then adopts an “amendment in the nature of a substitute” that replaces the House text with its own text and proceeds to make other changes. Because the House has not yet passed a FY2017 CJS bill, the Senate took up the FY2016 bill (which never passed the Senate) to use as the vehicle for FY2017 appropriations. The relevant text under consideration is Senate Amendment (SA) 4685 as printed in the June 15, 2016 Congressional Record beginning on page S3986, which substitutes the Senate Appropriations Committee’s version of the FY2017 CJS bill for what was in last year’s bill.

Note 11: The conference version of H.R. 1561 includes provisions from three other bills: S. 1331, S. 1573, and H.R. 34.

Note 12: The House is using the Senate-amended version of H.R. 2028, the FY2016 (yes, FY2016, not FY2017) Energy and Water Appropriations Act, as the legislative vehicle for the second continuing resolution for FY2017 – the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017.

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

Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS)	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 Space, Science and Competitiveness have jurisdiction over NASA programs. The House SS&T Subcommittee on 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.