



Legislative Checklist 115th 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 2018 Appropriations								
HR 3219 FY2018 Defense see note 3	approved 06/26/17	H. Rept. 115-219 07/13/17	Passed 07/27/17	Hrg 06/14/17				
HR 3267/ S 1662 FY2018 CJS	approved 06/29/17	H. Rept. 115-231 07/17/17		approved 07/25/17	S. Rept. 115-139 07/27/17			
HR 3353/ S 1655 FY2018 THUD	approved 07/11/17	H. Rept. 115-237 07/21/17		approved 07/25/17	S. Rept. 115-138 07/27/17			
FY 2017 Appropriations								
HR 244 ^{note1} FY2017 Consolidated Approps			05/03/17			05/04/17	Agreement reached 04/30/17	P.L. 115-31 05/05/17
HR 1301 FY 2017 Defense Approps			Passed 03/08/17					
Authorizations								
S 442 NASA Transition Auth Act 2017	NA	NA	Passed 03/07/17	NA	NA	Passed 02/17/17		P.L. 115-10 03/22/17

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HR 2810/ S 1519 FY2018 Natl Def Auth Act (NDAA)	Markups wk of 06/19/17	H. Rept. 115-200 07/06/17	Passed 07/14/17	Markups 06/26-27/17	S. Rept. 115-125 07/11/17			
HR 3180 FY2018 Intelligence Auth		H. Rept. 115-251 07/24/17	Passed 07/28/17 (note 4)					
Selected Other Legislation								
HR 321/ S 42 INSPIRE Women Act	NA	NA	01/10/17	NA	Approved 01/24/17	Passed 02/14/17	NA	P.L. 115-7 02/28/17
HR 353 Weather Res & Forecasting Act			Passed 01/09/17			Passed (amended) 03/29/17	House agreed w/Senate 04/04/17	P.L. 115-25 04/18/17
HR 703 Apollo 1 Memorial Act			see note 2 and H.R.. 2810					
HR 870 Return to the Moon								
HR 2809 Amer Space Cmrc Free Entrpz Act	N/A	Approved 06/08/17						
H Con Res 26 Name SLS After Gene Cernan								
S 141/ HR 3806 Space Wx Res & Forecasting Act				NA	S. Rpt. 115-21 3/30/17	05/02/17		
S 212/ HR 650 MANIFEST for Human Spcflt								
S.722/ HR 3364 Russia, Iran Sanctions			passed 07/25/17 (H bill adds North Korea)			S 722 passed w/NASA amendment 06/15/17	HR 3364 passed Senate 07/27/17	P.L. 115-44 08/02/17

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This is not a comprehensive list. It shows selected bills on which action appears likely or otherwise are of special interest. Historical versions of this fact sheet are available on SpacePolicyOnline.com for the [111th](#), [112th](#), [113th](#), and [114th](#) Congresses (the years 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014, and 2015-2016 respectively).

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. 244, the HIRE Vets Act, was used as the legislative vehicle for the FY2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act (or “omnibus”). It is common for Congress to use existing, but unrelated, legislation in this manner because the bill has already passed through part of the legislative process, speeding up consideration of the appropriations measure. Previous action on H.R. 244 is irrelevant for this purpose.

Note 2: Johnson introduced a revised version of the bill as an amendment to H.R. 2810, the FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act. It [passed](#) as part of en bloc amendment 4 on July 14, 2017.

Note 3: For floor action, the House has bundled four of the 12 regular FY2018 appropriations bills, including Defense, into the “Make America Secure Act” and uses the bill number assigned to the Defense Appropriations bill, H.R. 3219. The other three bills in this “national security” bundle are: Military Construction/Veterans Administration (H.R. 2998), Energy and Water (H.R. 3266), and Legislative Branch (H.R. 3162).

Note 4: The FY2018 Intelligence Authorization Act was first brought to the House floor on July 24, 2017 for a vote under the “suspension” calendar. That refers to suspension of the rules, meaning a bill may be brought to the floor without going through the House Rules Committee. It is an expedited procedure used for bills that are thought to be non-controversial and can easily win two-thirds of the vote, which is required for passage under this process. However, the bill did not win two-thirds of the vote. Many Democrats voted against it because they felt that in a year when the Intelligence Committee is investigating Russia’s involvement in the U.S. election, regular order should prevail where there is debate and amendments may be offered. The bill subsequently went to the Rules Committee and returned to the House floor for debate under regular order on July 28. It passed.

TABLE 2: CROSSWALK OF SPACE-RELATED TOPICS IN APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

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 Congress.gov 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.