



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
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FY 2019 Appropriations								
<u>H.R. 695</u> Extends CR to Feb 8, 2019 (note 13)			12/20/18 (amended)			12/19/18 Senate did not vote on House version		No extension enacted. NASA, NOAA, others shut down at end of 115 th Congress
<u>H. J. Res. 143</u> Extends CR to Dec. 21, 2018			12/06/18			12/06/18	N/A	P.L. 115-298 12/07/18
<u>H.R. 6157</u> FY2019 CR thru Dec 7, 2018 Incl CJS, THUD	--	--	--	--	--	--	Bundled with Defense and Labor-HHS (see HR 6157)	See HR 6157 (P.L. 115-245)
<u>H.R. 5952/ S. 3072</u> FY2019 CJS	Approved 05/09/18	(markup 05/17/08) H. Rpt. 115-704 05/24/18		Approved 06/12/18	Markup 06/14/18 S. Rpt. 115-275 06/14/18			
<u>H.R. 6157/ S. 3159</u> FY2019 DOD (Labor-HHS, CR added before final passage)	Approved 06/07/18	(markup 06/13/18) H. Rpt. 115-769 06/20/18	Passed 06/28/18	Approved 06/26/18	Markup 06/28/18 S. Rpt 115-290 06/28/18	Passed 08/23/18	H.R. 6157 became <u>Minibus 2</u> (DOD/Labor- HHS/CR to Dec 7) Passed S 09/18/18 Passed H 9/26/18	P.L. 115-245 09/28/18

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<u>HR 6072/ S. 3023 FY2019 THUD</u>	Approved 05/16/18	(markup 05/23/18) H. Rpt. 115-750 06/12/18		Approved 06/05/18	S. Rpt. 115-268 06/07/18	Passed 08/01/18	In conference as part of <u>Minibus 3</u> (Ag, Fin Serv, Interior, THUD)	
FY 2018 Appropriations								
<u>H.R. 1625</u> FY2018 Consolidated Approps Act (note 11)	NA	NA	03/22/18	NA	NA	03/23/18		P.L. 115-141 03/23/18
<u>H.R. 1892</u> Bipartisan Budget Act (CR thru Mar 23, 2018, lifts budget caps – note 10)	NA	NA	Passed initially 02/06/18 Passed Senate version 02/09/18	NA	NA	Passed 02/09/18		P.L. 115-123 02/09/18
<u>H.R. 195</u> CR Thru Feb 8, 2018 (note 9)	NA	NA	Passed 01/18/18 Senate version passed 01/22/18	NA	NA	Revised version of House bill passed 01/22/18		P.L. 115-120 01/22/18
<u>H.R. 1370</u> (amended) CR Thru Jan 19, 2018 (note 8)	NA	NA	Passed 12/21/17	NA	NA	Passed 12/21/17		
<u>H. R. 4667</u> Disaster Aid Suppl Approp (note 7)	NA	NA	Passed 12/21/17					
<u>H.J. Res. 123</u> CR Thru Dec 22, 2017	NA	NA	Passed 12/07/17	NA	NA	12/07/17		P.L. 115-90 12/08/17
<u>H.R. 601</u> CR Thru Dec 8, 2017 (note 5)	NA	NA	Passed 09/06/17	NA	NA	09/07/17	H agreed to S version 9/08/17	P.L. 115-56 09/08/17
<u>H.R. 3354</u> FY2018 bundle incl CJS and THUD (note 6)	NA	NA	Passed 09/14/17					
<u>HR 3219</u> FY2018 Defense bundle (note 3)	approved 06/26/17	H. Rept. 115-219 07/13/17	Passed 07/27/17	Hrg 06/14/17				

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<u>H.R. 695 (H.R. 4877)</u> FY2018 Defense Approps	See note 3	See note 3	Passed 01/30/18					
<u>HR 3267/ S 1662</u> FY2018 CJS	approved 06/29/17	H. Rept. 115-231 07/17/17	incorporated into H.R. 3354 Passed 09/14/17	approved 07/25/17	S. Rept. 115-139 07/27/17			
<u>HR 3353/ S 1655</u> FY2018 THUD	approved 07/11/17	H. Rept. 115-237 07/21/17	incorporated into H.R. 3354 Passed 09/13/17	approved 07/25/17	S. Rept. 115-138 07/27/17			
FY 2017 Appropriations								
<u>HR 244</u> ^{note1} FY2017 Consolidated Approps			05/03/17			05/04/17	Agreement reached 04/30/17	P.L. 115-31 05/05/17
<u>HR 1301</u> FY 2017 Defense Approps			Passed 03/08/17				See HR 244	
Authorizations								
<u>H.R. 302 (note 12)</u> FAA Reauthorization	--	--	09/26/18	--	--	10/03/18		P.L. 115-254 10/05/18
<u>H.R. 5503</u> NASA Auth FY2018-2019		Ord. Rpt. 04/17/18						
<u>S 442</u> NASA Transition Auth Act 2017	NA	NA	Passed 03/07/17	NA	NA	Passed 02/17/17		P.L. 115-10 03/22/17
<u>H.R. 5515/ S. 2987</u> 2019 Natl Def Auth Act	Approved 04/26/18	Markup 05/09/18 H. Rpt. 115-676 05/15/18	Passed 05/24/18	Approved 05/22/18	Markup 05/23/18 S. Rpt. 115-262 06/05/18	Passed 06/18/18	Conf Rpt (HR 5515, H Rpt 115-874) Passed H 07/26/18 Passed S 08/01/18	P.L. 115-232 08/13/18
<u>HR 2810/ S 1519</u> 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	Passed HR 2810, amended 09/18/2017	H. Rpt. 115-404 11/09/2017 Passed H 11/14/2017 Passed S 11/16/2017	P.L. 115-91 12/12/17

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H.R. 6237/ S.3153 FY2018-2019 Intelligence Auth		Approved 06/86/18 H. Rpt. 115-805 07/03/18	Passed 07/12/18		Approved 06/28/18 No written rpt			
HR 3180/ S. 1761 FY2018 Intelligence Auth		H. Rept. 115-251 07/24/17	Passed 07/28/17 (note 4)		S. Rept. 115-151 09/07/17			
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					See H.R. 2810 and note 2
H.R. 1159/S. 2504 US-Israel Space Coop S. 2497 US-Israel Security Assistance Auth Act		Ord. Rpt. 09/28/17	H.R. 1159 Passed 12/20/17 Slightly amended version incorporated into S. 2497 Passed H 09/12/18					
HR 2809 Amer Space Cmrc'l Free Entrpz Act	N/A	Ord. Rpt. 06/08/17	Passed 04/24/18					
H Con Res 26 Name SLS After Gene Cernan								
H.R. 4254 Women in Aerospace Educ	NAS	H. Rept. 115-472 12/18/17	Passed 12/19/17	NA	Approved 06/27/18	09/27/18 (as amended)	NA	P.L. 115-303 12/11/18
H.R. 6226 Amer Space SAFE Mgmt Act	NA	Approved 06/27/18						

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H.R. 6910 Leading Human Spaceflight								
S. 7 NASA Enhanced Use Leasing Extension			12/20/18			12/06/18		12/31/18
S 141/ HR 3806 Space Wx Res & Forecasting Act	Hearing 04/26/18	S. 141 approved (amended) 07/25/18		NA	S. Rpt. 115-21 3/30/17	05/02/17		
S.722/ HR 3364 Russia, Iran Sanctions			passed 07/25/17 (H bill adds North Korea)			S 722 passed w/NASA amendment 06o6/25/15/17	HR 3364 passed Senate 07/27/17	P.L. 115-44 08/02/17
S. 3277 Space Frontier Act			DEFEATED 12/21/18	NA	Approved (amended) 08/01/18	12/20/18 (amended)		
S. 3389 Naming of Katherine Johnson IV&V Facility			11/27/18			09/25/18		P.L. 115-309 12/11/18

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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 an en bloc amendment on July 14, 2017. [A modified version was included in the final version of the bill.](#)

Note 3: For floor action, the House 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). However, the Senate did not take up the bill. In January 2018, the House passed a stand-alone defense appropriations bill. As reported from the House Appropriations Committee, it was **H.R. 4877**. It was incorporated into H.R. 695, an unrelated bill that was used as the legislative vehicle for passing the bill (because it was already part way through the legislative process). The House Appropriations Committee said it was “virtually the same” as H.R. 3219.

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.

Note 5: H.R. 601 is the legislative vehicle used for a FY2018 Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government for the first part of FY2018 (through December 8, 2017). It also extended the debt limit and the flood insurance program through that date, and provided \$15.25 billion for hurricane relief (Hurricane Harvey). Action on H.R. 601 prior to September 5, 2017 is not relevant to its final purpose.

Note 6: For floor action, the House [bundled the remaining eight FY2018 appropriations bills](#) together as H.R. 3354, which is the number for the Interior and Environment bill. (The other four regular appropriations bills are bundled as H.R. 3219). The eight bills bundled in H.R. 3354 include the Commerce-Justice-Science bill (H.R.3267) that funds NASA and NOAA, and the Transportation-HUD bill (H.R. 3353) that funds the FAA’s space office.

Note 7. The supplemental appropriations bill providing disaster assistance for hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and wildfires, includes \$81.3 million to repair NASA facilities, \$16.3 million to repair NSF’s Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico (which NASA uses), and \$50 million for NOAA to improve supercomputing infrastructure and satellite ground services used in hurricane intensity and track prediction (how the \$50 million is allocated between those two activities is not specified).

Note 8: Congress is using H.R. 1370 as the Further Continuing Appropriations bill to keep the government funded through January 19, 2018 after the expiration of an earlier Continuing Resolution (H.J. Res.123) on December 22, 2017. H.R. 1370 originally was an anti-human trafficking bill affecting activities at the Department of Homeland Security, but was repurposed as the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018. [The House Appropriations Committee originally introduced H.J. Res. 124 as the Further Continuing Appropriations act, which would have provided full year funding for DOD, but funding for the other agencies only until January 19, but no action was taken on it because of strong opposition, especially by Democrats. H.R. 1370 is the replacement and funds DOD like the other agencies until January 19, with exceptions for two programs that will receive additional funding.

Note 9: Congress used H.R. 195, the Federal Register Printing Savings Act, as the legislative vehicle for the fourth FY2018 Continuing Resolution to keep the government funded at FY2017 levels. Prior action on H.R. 195 is not related to the bill’s new purpose. This is the fourth CR for FY2018. The version passed by the House on January 18 would have extended funding until February 16. The Senate passed a modified version on January 22, following a 3-day government shutdown, that extended funding only to February 8. The House agreed with the Senate modification on January 22.

Note 10: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 is a multi-part bill that extends the Continuing Resolution in effect for most government agencies until March 23, 2018; raises the budget caps imposed by 2011 Budget Control Act for FY2018 and FY2019; provides \$80 billion in disaster aid; and extends suspension of the debt limit through March 1, 2019. The underlying bill, H.R. 1892, was on an unrelated topic, but was used as the legislative vehicle for this budget agreement. Action on the bill prior to February 2018 is not relevant.

Note 11: The FY2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act, also called the “omnibus,” was released by the House Appropriations Committee in the evening of March 21, 2018. The House Rules Committee met at 10:00 pm ET to approve a rule for the bill’s consideration. The bill was passed by the House at about 12:30 pm on March 22, and by the Senate at about 12:30 am March 23. President Trump signed it into law about 1:00 pm March 23. Hence, it took less than 48 hours for the 2,200-page bill appropriating \$1.3 trillion for FY2018 to be introduced, passed by both chambers, and signed into law. The underlying bill, H.R. 1625, originally on an unrelated topic, was used as the legislative vehicle for the appropriations measure, which provides funding for most government agencies for FY2018 (through September 30, 2018). NASA and NOAA are in Division B, Commerce-Justice-Science. The bill and accompanying report language are posted on the House Rules Committee website.

Note 12: H.R. 302 is being used as the legislative vehicle for the FAA Reauthorization Act, which including funding authority and direction for the FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation. As introduced, it dealt with sports medicine licensure, but was repurposed to also include the FAA reauthorization, funding for hurricane relief (Hurricane Florence) and other purposes.

Note 13: H.R. 695 was the FY2018 Defense Appropriations bill, but was repurposed as the legislative vehicle for an extension to the FY2019 Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep parts of the government operating through Feb. 8, 2019.

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.