



Legislative Checklist 116th 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 2019 Appropriations								
H. J. Res. 31, Consolidated Approps (incl CJS, THUD) ¹	--	--	02/14/19	--	--	02/14/19		P.L. 116-6 02/15/19
Authorizations								
Selected Other Legislation								
H.R. 1029/S. 381 Space Resources Institute								
H.R. 1562 Cmrc'l Space Trans Safety Act								
S. 584 Advancing Human Spfl't Act								
S. 881 Space Wx Res and Forecasting					Approved 04/03/19			

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S. 919 Space Frontier Act of 2019					Approved 04/03/19			

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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](#), [114th](#) and [115th Congresses](#) (the years 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, and 2017-2018 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. In an attempt to end the government shutdown which was ongoing when the 116th Congress convened, House Democrats initially passed the Senate versions of seven FY2019 appropriations bills that did not clear the 115th Congress. On January 3, the first day of the new Congress, they passed six of them merged into a single “consolidated” appropriations bill, H.R. 21. It includes the Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) bill that funds NASA and NOAA and the Transportation-HUD (THUD) bill that funds FAA’s Office of Commercial Space Transportation. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused to bring it up in the Senate because he knew President Trump would not sign it. The House then proceeded to pass the Senate version of the FY2019 THUD bill (and other bills, but not CJS) separately, hoping the Senate might take them up piecemeal. HR. 267 is the Senate-passed version of the FY2019 THUD bill from last year. These bills became irrelevant after Congress passed H.J. Res. 31, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, so no longer are included in this fact sheet.

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.