



## Legislative Checklist 118<sup>th</sup> Congress: Major Space-Related Legislation

(see notes at end of table, [Bills of special interest highlighted in green](#))

Bill	House		Senate		Conf. Rpt./ Comments	Pub. Law #/ Date Signed
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<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
<b>H.R. 4366</b> <b>Consolidated</b> <b>Appropriations Act</b> <b>2024</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>03/06/24</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>03/08/24</b>	<b>Final FY2024</b> <b>approps for NASA,</b> <b>NOAA, FAA etc</b> <b>(1<sup>st</sup> final minibus)†</b>	<b>P.L. 118-42</b> <b>03/09/24</b>
<b>H.R. 2882</b> <b>Further Consolidated</b> <b>Approps Act 2024</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>03/22/24</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>03/23/24</b>	<b>Final FY2024</b> <b>approps for DOD</b> <b>etc (2<sup>nd</sup> minibus)</b>	<b>P.L. 118-47</b> <b>03/23/24</b>
<b>H.R. 5860 (Granger)</b> <b>CR thru 11/17/23*</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>09/30/23</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>09/30/23</b>		<b>P.L. 118-15</b> <b>09/20/23</b>
<b>H.R. 6363 (Granger)</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> CR thru 01/19/24</b> <b>and 02/02/24**</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>11/14/23</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>11/15/23</b>		<b>P.L. 118-22</b> <b>11/16/23</b>
<b>H.R. 2872 (Graves)</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> CR thru 03/01/24</b> <b>and 03/08/24**</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>01/18/24</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>01/18/24</b>		<b>P.L. 118-35</b> <b>01/19/24</b>
<b>H.R. 7463 (Granger)</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> CR thru 03/08/24</b> <b>and 03/22/24**</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>02/29/24</b>		<b>Passed</b> <b>02/29/24</b>		<b>P.L. 118-40</b> <b>03/01/24</b>

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Senate “minibus”: Milcon-VA, Ag, and THUD using HR 4366</b>				<b>Passed 11/01/23</b>	<b>Evolved into 6-bill FY2024 minibus (see first entry)</b>	
<b>H.R. 4365 (Calvert) FY24 Defense Appropriations</b>	<b>Sbcmte approved 06/15/23 Full cmte approved 06/22/23 H. Rpt. 118-121</b>	<b>Rule defeated 09/19 and 09/21/23 Passed 09/28/23</b>	<b>(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 07/27/23 S. Rpt. 118-81</b>			
<b>H.R. 4366 (Carter) FY24 MilCon-VA Appropriations</b>	<b>Sbcmte approved 05/17/23 Full cmte approved 06/13/23 H. Rpt. 118-122</b>	<b>Passed 07/27/23</b>	<b>(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 06/22/23 S. Rept. 118-43</b>	<b>Used as vehicle for 1<sup>st</sup> Senate minibus See above</b>	<b>Evolved into 6-bill FY2024 minibus (see first entry)</b>	
<b>H.R. 4820 (Cole) S. 2437 (Schatz) FY24 THUD Appropriations</b>	<b>Sbcmte approved 07/12/23 Full cmte approved 07/18/23 H. Rpt. 118-154</b>	<b>Flr debate began 11/07/23 (but pulled from consideration)</b>	<b>(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 07/20/23 S. Rpt. 118-70</b>	<b>Incl in 1<sup>st</sup> Senate minibus See above</b>		
<b>H.R. 5893 (H. Rogers)/ S. 2321 (Shaheen) FY24 CJS Appropriations</b>	<b>Sbcmte approved 07/14/23 No full cmte markup</b>	<b>Rule defeated 11/15/23</b>	<b>(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 07/13/23 S. Rpt. 118-63</b>			
<b>AUTHORIZATIONS</b>						
<b><u>H.R 2670</u> (M. Rogers)/ S. 2226 (Reed) FY2024 NDAA</b>	<b>Sbcmtes approved 6/13-14/23 Full cmte approved 06/22/23 H. Rpt. 118-125</b>	<b>Passed 07/14/23</b>	<b>Sbcmtes approved 06/20-21/23 Full cmte approved 06/23/23 S. Rpt. 118-58</b>	<b>Passed 07/27/23</b>	<b>Conf Rpt H. Rpt. 118-301 Passed S 12/13/23 Passed H 12/14/23</b>	<b>P.L. 118-31 12/22/23</b>
<b>H.R. 3935 (Graves)/ S. 1939 (Cantwell) FAA reauthorization</b>	<b>Full cmte approved 06/14/23 H. Rpt. 118-138</b>	<b>Passed 07/20/23</b>	<b>Full cmte approved 02/08/24 (postponed from 06/15/23)</b>			
<b>H.R. 6503 (Graves) Airport &amp; Airway Extension Act Pt II (extends learning period to Mar 9, 2024)*</b>		<b>Passed 12/11/23</b>		<b>Passed 12/19/23</b>		<b>P.L. 118-34 12/26/23</b>

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H.R. 7454 (Graves) Airport & Airway Extension Act (extends learning period to May 11, 2024)*		Passed 02/29/24		Passed 03/06/24		P.L. 118-41 03/08/24
H.R. 3559 (Lucas) FAA R&D	Full cmte approved 06/15/23 H. Rpt. 118-139	Merged with H.R. 3935				
H.R. 3980 (Lucas) NOAA Organic Act						
H.R. 3932 (Turner)/ S. 2103 (Warner) FY2024 Intelligence	Approved 07/13/23 H. Rpt. 188-162		Approved 06/22/23 No written report		Included in NDAA (H.R. 2670)	
H.R. 6093 (Lucas) Weather Act Reauthorization	Approved 11/08/23					
<b>SELECTED OTHER LEGISLATION</b>						
H.R. 3746 (McHenry) Fiscal Responsibility Act (suspend debt limit/cut spending)	Rules Cmte only Passed 05/30/23	05/31/23	N/A	06/01/23	N/A	P.L. 118-5 06/03/23
H.R. 272 (Babin) ASTRO Act	Full cmte approved 03/20/24					
H.R. 290 (Lucas) Cmrc Remote Sensing Amendment Act	[reintroduced from 117 <sup>th</sup> Congress – HR 6845]	Passed 01/30/23				
H.R. 675 (Pallone) Secure Space Act	Full E&C cmte approved 03/23/23 H. Rpt. 118-41					
H.R. 682 (Soto)/ S. 1648 (Schmitt) Launch Communications Act	Full E&C cmte approved 03/23/23 H. Rpt. 118-156	Passed 07/25/23	Approved 07/27/23 No written report	Passed (amended) 10/31/23		

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<b>H.R. 1338 (Rodgers) Sat and Telecom Streamlining Act</b>	Full E&C cmte approved 03/23/23 H. Rpt. 118-157	<u>Defeated</u> 07/25/23				
<b>H.R. 1339 (Latta) Precision Ag Sat Connectivity Act</b>	Full E&C cmte approved 03/23/23 H.Rept. 118-42	Passed 04/26/23				
<b>H.R. 1353 (Johnson, Ohio) ALERT Parity Act</b>	Full E&C cmte approved 03/23/23 H.Rept 118-39	Passed 04/26/23				
<b>H.R. 2811 (Arrington) Limit, Save, Grow (deficit reduction)</b>	None	Passed 04/26/23				
<b>H.R. 2988 (B. Williams) DOE &amp; NASA Rsrch Coord</b>	Approved 06/15/23	Passed 12/04/23				
<b>H.R. 4152 (Caraveo) Space Resources Inst</b>	Full cmte approved 03/20/24					
<b>H.R. 5431 (Beyer) Space SSA Transition Act</b>						
<b>H.R. 5617 (McCarthy) Space Transformation &amp; Reliability (STAR) *</b>					See note*	
<b>H.R. 6131 (Babin) Commercial Space Act</b>	Approved 11/29/23					
<b>H.R. 6219 (Kean) ASCEND Act</b>	Full cmte approvd 03/20/24					
<b>H.R. 6385 (Kean) SAFE Orbit Act</b>						
<b>H.R. 7470 (Dunn)/ S. 3823 (Rubio) Secure US Ldrshp in Space [re spaceports and tax exempt bonds]</b>						
<b>H.R. 7687 (Sorensen) NASA Streamlining Partnerships</b>	Full cmte approved 03/20/24					

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<b>S. 447 (Hickenlooper) ORBITS Act</b>			<b>Approved 07/27/23 No written report</b>	<b>Passed (amended) 10/31/23</b>		
<b>S. 503 (Feinstein)/ H.R. 3048 (Crow) Space National Guard</b>						
<b>S. 1425 (Peters) Satellite Cybersecurity Act</b>						
<b>S. 1982 (Hickenlooper) SPACEPORT Act</b>						
<b>S. 3966 (Cornyn) LAUNCH Act [streamline launch licensing]</b>						
<b>S. 4064 (Schmitt) Cmrel SPACE Ldrshp [extend FAA learning period for 5 yrs]</b>						

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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](http://SpacePolicyOnline.com) for the [111<sup>th</sup>](#), [112<sup>th</sup>](#), [113<sup>th</sup>](#), [114<sup>th</sup>](#), [115<sup>th</sup>](#), [116<sup>th</sup>](#), and [117<sup>th</sup>](#) Congresses. Congresses begin on January 3 every other year so the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, for example, was January 3, 2009-January 3, 2011. The others were 2011-2013, 2013-2015, 2015-2017, 2017-2019, 2019-2021, and 2021-2023 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. **NDAA** = National Defense Authorization Act. **E&C** = House Energy and Commerce Committee.

\* H.R. 5617 would extend the “learning period” during which the FAA cannot promulgate additional commercial human spaceflight regulations for another 8 years, to September 30, 2031. The existing prohibition would have expired on September 30, 2023 and action on this bill had not occurred, so Congress included a 3-month extension to January 1, 2024 in the FY2024 Continuing Resolution, **H.R. 5860**, that passed that day. **H.R. 6503** extended it again, to March 9, 2024. **H.R. 7454** would extend it yet again to May 11, 2024.

\*\* Speaker Johnson’s “laddered” CR had two different expiration dates. Four bills (Agriculture, Energy-Water, MilCon-VA and THUD) would expire on January 19, 2024 and the other eight on February 2, 2024. Congress extended those dates to March 1 and March 8 respectively in a third FY2024 CR using H.R. 2872 as the legislative vehicle (introduced as the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act related to migratory bird hunting and conservation). Congress passed a fourth FY2024 CR extending the dates to March 8 and March 22 although there now are [two sets of six bills](#).

† The first FY2024 “minibus” of six appropriations bills passed the House on March 6 using H.R. 4366 as the legislative vehicle, which was the original MilCon-VA bill. The final version bundles Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science (incl NASA and NOAA), Energy-Water, Interior, Milcon-VA, and Transportation-HUD (incl the FAA).

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

Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS)	Funding for NASA and NOAA (the Office of Space Commerce is part of NOAA), plus National Space Council
Defense	Funding for DOD and Intelligence Community
Financial Services-General Government	Funding for the Federal Communications Commission
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](https://www.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.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorization: [House Energy and Commerce Committee](#); [Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee](#) (bills related to satellite spectrum)

FCC Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). The Financial Services and General Government subcommittee has jurisdiction over the FCC.

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 Aeronautics, and the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Space and Science have jurisdiction over NASA. The House SS&T Subcommittee on Environment and the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change and Manufacturing 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.