



Legislative Checklist 118th 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
	Committee	Floor	Committee	Floor		
APPROPRIATIONS						
H.R. 5860 (Granger) CR thru 11/17/23*		Passed 09/30/23		Passed 09/30/23		P.L. 118-15 09/20/23
H.R. 6363 (Granger) 2nd CR thru 01/19/24 and 02/02/24**		Passed 11/14/23		Passed 11/15/23		P.L. 118-22 11/16/23
H.R. 2872 (Graves) 3rd CR thru 03/01/24 and 03/08/24**		Passed 01/18/24		Passed 01/18/24		P.L. 118-35 01/19/24
1st Senate “minibus”: Milcon-VA, Ag, and THUD using HR 4366				Passed 11/01/23		
H.R. 4365 (Calvert) FY24 Defense Appropriations	Sbcmte approved 06/15/23 Full cmte approved 06/22/23 H. Rpt. 118-121	Rule defeated 09/19 and 09/21/23 Passed 09/28/23	(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 07/27/23 S. Rpt. 118-81			

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H.R. 4366 (Carter) FY24 MilCon-VA Appropriations	Sbcmte approved 05/17/23 Full cmte approved 06/13/23 H. Rpt. 118-122	Passed 07/27/23	(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 06/22/23 S. Rpt. 118-43	Used as vehicle for 1 st Senate minibuss See above		
H.R. 4820 (Cole) S. 2437 (Schatz) FY24 THUD Appropriations	Sbcmte approved 07/12/23 Full cmte approved 07/18/23 H. Rpt. 118-154	Flr debate began 11/07/23 (but pulled from consideration)	(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 07/20/23 S. Rpt. 118-70	Incl in 1 st minibuss See above		
H.R. 5893 (H. Rogers)/ S. 2321 (Shaheen) FY24 CJS Appropriations	Sbcmte approved 07/14/23 No full cmte markup	Rule defeated 11/15/23	(no sbcmte markup) Full cmte approved 07/13/23 S. Rpt. 118-63			
AUTHORIZATIONS						
H.R. 2670 (M. Rogers)/ S. 2226 (Reed) FY2024 NDAA	Sbcmtes approved 6/13-14/23 Full cmte approved 06/22/23 H. Rpt. 118-125	Passed 07/14/23	Sbcmtes approved 06/20-21/23 Full cmte approved 06/23/23 S. Rpt. 118-58	Passed 07/27/23	Conf Rpt H. Rpt. 118-301 Passed S 12/13/23 Passed H 12/14/23	P.L. 118-31 12/22/23
H.R. 3935 (Graves) FAA reauthorization	Full cmte approved 06/14/23 H. Rpt. 118-138	Passed 07/20/23	Full cmte markup skld for 06/15/23 was postponed			
H.R. 6503 (Graves) Airport & Airway Extension Act Pt II (extends learning period to Mar 9, 2024)*		Passed 12/11/23		Passed 12/19/23		P.L. 118-34 12/26/23
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)	

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H.R. 6093 (Lucas) Weather Act Reauthorization	Approved 11/08/23					
SELECTED OTHER LEGISLATION						
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. 290 (Lucas) Cmrcl Remote Sensing Amendment Act	[reintroduced from 117 th Congress – HR 6845]	Passed 01/30/23				
H.R. 675 (Pallone) Secure Space Act	Full E&C cmte apprvd 03/23/23 H. Rpt. 118-41					
H.R. 682 (Soto)/ S. 1648 (Schmitt) Launch Communications Act	Full E&C cmte apprvd 03/23/23 H. Rpt. 118-156	Passed 07/25/23	Approved 07/27/23 No written report	Passed 10/31/23		
H.R. 1338 (Rodgers) Sat and Telecom Streamlining Act	Full E&C cmte apprvd 03/23/23 H. Rpt. 118-157	<u>Defeated</u> 07/25/23				
H.R. 1339 (Latta) Precision Ag Sat Connectivity Act	Full E&C cmte apprvd 03/23/23 H.Rept. 118-42	Passed 04/26/23				
H.R. 1353 (Johnson, Ohio) ALERT Parity Act	Full E&C cmte apprvd 03/23/23 H.Rept 118-39	Passed 04/26/23				
H.R. 2811 (Arrington) Limit, Save, Grow (deficit reduction)	None	Passed 04/26/23				
H.R. 2988 (B. Williams) DOE & NASA Rsrch Coord	Approved 06/15/23	Passed 12/04/23				
H.R. 4152 (Caraveo) Space Resources Inst						

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H.R. 5431 (Beyer) Space SSA Transition Act						
H.R. 5617 (McCarthy) Space Transformation & Reliability (STAR) *					See note*	
H.R. 6131 (Babin) Commercial Space Act	Approved 11/29/23					
H.R. 6385 (Kean) SAFE Orbit Act						
S. 447 (Hickenlooper) ORBITS Act			Approved 07/27/23 No written report	Passed (amended) 10/31/23		
S. 503 (Feinstein)/ H.R. 3048 (Crow) Space National Guard						
S. 1425 (Peters) Satellite Cybersecurity Act						
S. 1982 (Hickenlooper) SPACEPORT Act						

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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](#), [115th](#), [116th](#), and [117th](#) Congresses. Congresses begin on January 3 every other year so the 111th 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.

** 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).

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.