



Legislative Checklist 118th Congress: Major Space-Related Legislation

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

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| APPROPRIATIONS | | | | | | |
| H.R. 10545 (Cole) 3 rd attempted CR thru Mar 14 2025 American Relief Act | Text released 12/20/24 | Passed 12/20/24 | | Passed 12/21/24 | Same as HR 10515 but w/o debt limit provision | P.L. 118-158 12/21/24 |
| H.R. 10515 (Cole) 2 nd attempted CR thru Mar 14, 2025 | Text released 12/19/24 | Defeated 12/19/24 | | | | |
| [no bill number assigned] 1 st attempted CR thru Mar 14, 2025 | Text released 12/17/24 | | | | Not considered after Musk/Trump objected | |
| H.R. 9747 (Cole) CR thru Dec 20, 2024 | | Passed 09/25/24 | | Passed 09/25/24 | | P.L. 118-83 09/26/24 |
| H.R. 9028 (Womack)___ FY2025 THUD Approps (FAA) | Full cmte apprvd 07/10/24 | | | | | |

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| H.R. 9026 (Rogers) FY2025 CJS Approps (NASA/NOAA) | Full cmte apprvd 07/09/24 | | | | | |
| H.R. 8774 (Calvert) FY2025 Defense Approps | Full cmte apprvd 06/13/24 | Passed 06/28/24 | | | | |
| H.R. 4366 Consolidated Appropriations Act 2024 | | Passed 03/06/24 | | Passed 03/08/24 | Final FY2024 approps for NASA, NOAA, FAA etc (1 st final minibus)† | P.L. 118-42 03/09/24 |
| H.R. 2882 Further Consolidated Approps Act 2024 | | Passed 03/22/24 | | Passed 03/23/24 | Final FY2024 approps for DOD etc (2 nd minibus) | P.L. 118-47 03/23/24 |
| 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 |
| H.R. 7463 (Granger) 4th CR thru 03/08/24 and 03/22/24** | | Passed 02/29/24 | | Passed 02/29/24 | | P.L. 118-40 03/01/24 |
| 1 st Senate “minibus”: MilCon-VA, Ag, and THUD using HR 4366 | | | | Passed 11/01/23 | Evolved into 6-bill FY2024 minibus (see first entry) | |
| 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 | | | |
| 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. Rept. 118-43 | Used as vehicle for 1 st Senate minibus See above | Evolved into 6-bill FY2024 minibus (see first entry) | |

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| 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 Senate minibus 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. 5009 (final) H.R. 8070 (M. Rogers)/ S. 4638 (Reed) <u>FY2025 NDAA</u> | Full cmte apprvd 05/22/24 H. Rpt. 118-529 | Passed 06/14/24 | Full cmte apprvd 06/12/24 S. Rpt. 118-188 | Not considered | H.R. 5009 passed H 12/11/24 S 12/18/24 (extends FAA learning period to Jan 1, 2028 & indemnification to Sept 30, 2028) | P.L. 118-159 12/23/24 |
| H.R. 8512 (Turner)/ S. 4443 (Warner) FY2025 Intelligence Auth | Cmte apprvd 06/11/24 | | Cmte apprvd 06/03/24 S. Rpt. 118-181 | | Included in H.R. 5009 | |
| H.R. 8958 (Lucas) NASA Reauthorization of 2024 | Full cmte apprvd 07/10/24 | Passed 09/23/24 | | | | |
| S. 5600 (Cantwell) NASA Transition Auth 2024 | | | Introduced Dec 20, 2024 | | | |
| H.R. 2670 (M. Rogers)/ S. 2226 (Reed) <u>FY2024 NDAA</u> | 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)/ S. 1939 (Cantwell) <u>FAA Reauthorization</u> (extends learning period to 01/01/25) | Full cmte approved 06/14/23 H. Rpt. 118-138 | Passed 07/20/23 | Full cmte approved 02/08/24 (postponed from 06/15/23) | H.R. 3935 passed (amended) 05/09/24 | H.R. 3935 as amended by Senate passed House 05/15/24 | P.L. 118-63 05/16/24 |

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| 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. 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. 8289 (Graves) Airport & Airway Extension Act (extends larning period to May 18, 2024)* | | Passed 05/08/24 | | Passed 05/09/24 | | P.L. 118-60 05/10/24 |
| 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 H. Rpt. 118-306 | Passed 04/30/24 | | | | |
| 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. 272 (Babin) ASTRO Act†† | Full SS&T cmte approved 03/20/24 | 05/06/24 | | | | |

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| H.R. 290 (Lucas) Cmrc 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 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 | House passed Senate version 09/17/24 | P.L. 118-85 09/26/24 |
| H.R. 1338 (Rodgers) Sat and Telecom Streamlining Act | Full E&C cmte approved 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 approved 03/23/23 H. Rpt. 118-42 | Passed 04/26/23 | | | | |
| H.R. 1353 (Johnson, Ohio) ALERT Parity Act | Full E&C cmte approved 03/23/23 H. Rpt 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 | Full cmte approved 03/20/24 | | | | Incorporated into NASA Auth act HR 8958 | |
| 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 | | | | | |

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| H.R. 6219 (Kean) ASCEND Act | Full cmte apprvd 03/20/24 | Passed 09/23/24 | | | | |
| H.R. 6385 (Kean) SAFE Orbit Act | | | | | | |
| H.R. 7470 (Dunn)/ S. 3823 (Rubio) Secure US Ldrshp in Space [re spaceports and tax exempt bonds] | | | | | | |
| H.R. 7687 (Sorensen) NASA Streamlining Partnerships | Full cmte approved 03/20/24 | | | | | |
| S. 447 (Hickenlooper) ORBITS Act | | | Approved 7/27/23 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 | | | | | | |
| S. 3966 (Cornyn) LAUNCH Act [streamline launch licensing] | | | | | | |
| S. 4064 (Schmitt) Cmrel SPACE Ldrshp [extend FAA learning period for 5 yrs] | | | | | | |
| S. 4482 (Rosen) Space Tech and Regional Security (STARS) | | | | | | |

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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 have extended 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**, which passed that day. **H.R. 6503** extended it again, to March 9, 2024. **H.R. 7454** extended it to May 11, 2024; H.R. 3039 extended it to January 1, 2025; and H.R. 5009 (the FY2025 National Defense Authorization Act) extended it to January 1, 2028. H.R. 5009 also extended the FAA’s indemnification authority to September 30, 2028.

** 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).

†† H.R. 272 was referred to two committees. It was approved by the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee on [March 20, 2024](#) and by the House Oversight and Accountability Committee on April 10, 2024.

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

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| 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 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.