

Major Space-Related Legislation in the 111th Congress: A Checklist

Bill	House			Senate			Conf. Report†	Signed into Law
	Subcmte	Full Cmte	Passed	Subcmte	Full cmte	Passed		
FY2011 Appropriations and Authorization Bills								
H.R. 5136/ S. 3454 FY2011 DOD Authorization (replaced by H.R. 6523)		H. Rept. 111-491 05/21/10	05/28/10		S. Rept. 111-201 06/04/10		--	See H.R. 6523
H.R. 5781/ S. 3729 2010 NASA Authorization Act		H. Rept. 111-576 07/28/10+	House passed S. 3729 09/29/10		S. Rept. 111-278 08/05/10	08/05/10	none	P.L. 111-267 10/11/10
H.R. unnumbered S. 3800 FY2011 DOD approps	Marked up 07/27/10				S. Rept. 111-295 09/16/10		No further action	NA
H.R. unnumbered S. 3635 FY2011 Energy/Water approps	Marked up 07/15/10				S. Rept. 111-228 07/22/10		No further action	NA
H.R. unnumbered S. 3636 FY2011 CJS approps	Marked up 06/29/10			sent to full cmte 07/21/10	S. Rept. 111-229 07/22/10		No further action	NA
H.R. 3081 (legislative vehicle for 1 st FY2011 CR)							House and Senate passed 09/29-30/10	P.L. 111-242 09/30/10
H.R. 3082 (legislative vehicle for current CR that expires March 4, 2011)			Passed as full-year CR, 12/08/10 Later agreed to Senate amendment 12/21/10			12/21/10 amended	None	P.L. 111-322 12/22/10
H.R. 6523 New FY2011 DOD auth			12/17/10			12/22/10	None	P.L. 111-283 01/07/11

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FY2010 Appropriations and Authorization Bills								
H.R. 2647 FY2010 DOD Authorization	Marked up 06/11/2009	H. Rept. 111-166 06/18/09	06/25/09	Marked up 06/23/09	S. Rept. 111-35 07/02/09 (S. 1390)	07/23/09	H. Rept. 111-288 10/07/09 Passed H. 10/08 Passed S. 10/22	P.L. 111-84 10/28/09
H.R. 3326 FY2010 DOD Appropriation	Marked up 07/13/09	H. Rept. 111-230 07/24/09	7/30/09	Marked up 09/09/09	S. Rept. 111-74 09/10/09	10/06/09	H. amendment to S. amendment† Passed H 12/16 Passed S 12/19	P.L. 111-118 12/19/09
<i>Not introduced</i> NASA Authorization	Hearing held 06/18/2009	Hearing held 05/19/09		Hearing held 05/21/09				--
H.R. 2847 FY2010 CJS Appropriation	Marked up 06/04/2009	H. Rept. 111-149 06/12/2009	06/18/09	Marked up 06/24/09	S. Rept. 111-34 06/25/09	11/05/09	See H.R. 3288 for further information	See P.L. 111-117
H.R. 2701/ S. 1494 FY2010 Intelligence Authorization	--	H. Rept. 111-186 06/26/09	02/26/10	--	S. Rept. 111-55 07/22/09	09/16/09 09/27/10	House passed H.R 2701 as amended by Senate 09/29/10	P.L. 111-259 10/07/10
S. 3611†† FY2010 Intelligence Authorization					S. Rept. 111-223 07/19/10	08/05/10		See H.R. 2701
H.R. 3183 FY2010 Energy/Water Appropriation		H. Rept. 111-203 07/13/09	07/17/09		S. Rept. 111-45 07/09/09 (S. 1436)	07/29/09	H. Rept. 111-278 Passed H. 10/01 Passed S. 10/15	P.L. 111-85 10/28/09
H.R. 3288 FY2010 Consolidated Appropriations*							H. Rept. 111-366 Passed H. 12/10 Passed S. 12/13	P.L. 111-117 12/16/09
H.R. 4899 FY2010 Supplemental			3/24/2010 returned to		S. Rept. 111-188 05/14/10	05/27/10 returned		P.L. 111-212 07/29/10

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Appropriations (includes Constellation provision)			the Senate 07/01/10 passed 07/27/10			to the House 07/22/10		
Other Legislation								
S. 3333 Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act.**	E&C Marked up 06/25/09**	<i>Judiciary**</i> H.Rept. 111-319 E&C H. Rept. 111-349	H.R. 3570, amended,** passed 12/03/09		<i>Judiciary</i> reported S. Rept. 111-98 <i>Commerce</i> Ordered reported 11/19/09**	See note** and H.R. 3326	See note** and H.R. 3326	P.L. 111-175 05/27/10
H.R. 3237 New U.S. Code Title for Space Laws		H. Rept. 111-325	01/13/10		Reported without written report 05/10/10	12/03/10	none	P.L. 111-314 12/18/10
H.R. 3819 3 rd party indemnification	--	--	10/20/09		Reported without written report 12/22/09	12/23/09	Not applicable	P.L. 111-125 12/28/09
H.R. 3853 Commercial Space Trans Ctrs								--
H.R. 4804/ S. 3068 Reauthorize NASA's Human Spcflt Activities								--
H.R. 5026 GRID Act (incl. space weather provision)		H. Rept. 111-493 05/25/10	06/09/10		S. Rept. 111-331 09/27/10			--
H.R. 5587 Planetary Def. Commission								--

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"Unnumbered" means the bill was not introduced. Whatever action transpired was on a draft version of the bill.

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CJS = Commerce, Justice, Science (which includes NASA, NOAA and NSF)

DOD = Department of Defense

DOE = Department of Energy

NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration

CR = Continuing Resolution (to extend appropriations)

For an explanation of “authorization” versus “appropriation” and other legislative terminology see our [“What’s a Markup?”](#) Fact Sheet.

* H.R. 3288 originally was the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appropriations bill. Four other appropriations bills were packaged with it for final passage as the FY2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, including the Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill. The final version of the bill, report language and associated documents are posted on the House Appropriations Committee’s [website](#).

The Satellite Home Viewer Act regulates certain aspects of the home reception of television signals via satellite dishes. It involves both copyright law and telecommunications law and must be reauthorized every 5 years. After a tortuous course, Congress finally passed the newest version of the law – the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act (S. 3333) – and it was signed into law on May 27, 2010. Previous bill numbers are: [H.R. 2994/H.R. 3570/ S. 1670/ S. 2764](#). **It is these bills to which the actions in the table refer. The law was temporarily extended in P.L. 111-118 (H.R. 3326).

† In lieu of a conference report, each chamber can iterate the bill by sending it back and forth and ultimately pass the same version. For a brief explanation of congressional processes, see our [What’s a Markup?](#) Fact Sheet, Step. 10 in particular.

††When agreement did not seem possible on the earlier versions of the FY2010 intelligence authorization bill, the Senate passed this one. Later, however, it went back and passed an amended version of the House bill.

+ House Science and Technology Committee chairman Bart Gordon released a [significantly revised version](#) of the bill on September 23, 2010, but subsequently [decided](#) to have the House vote on the Senate version of the bill.

Committees of Jurisdiction (see their websites or [Thomas](#) for more detailed information on legislative action).

DOD Authorization: [House Armed Services Committee](#), [Senate Armed Services Committee](#). In both cases, the Strategic Forces Subcommittee has jurisdiction over most space programs.

DOD Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). In both cases, the Defense Subcommittee has jurisdiction over most space programs.

DOE (Energy and Water Development) Appropriations: [House Appropriations Committee](#), [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). In both cases, the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Department of Energy (DOE). DOE produces radioisotope power systems used by NASA for certain space science missions and provides the plutonium-238 fuel for them. It also cooperates with NASA on certain high energy physics missions such as FERMI (formerly GLAST) and the Joint Dark Energy Mission (JDEM).

NASA Authorization: [House Science and Technology Committee](#); [Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee](#). The House S&T Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Science and Space have jurisdiction over NASA programs. (The House S&T Subcommittee on Research and Science Education and the Senate Subcommittee on Science and Space have jurisdiction over NSF. The House S&T Subcommittee on Energy and 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](#). In both cases, the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Subcommittee has jurisdiction over NASA programs (as well as NOAA and NSF).

Intelligence Authorization: [House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#), [Senate Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#). (Appropriations for the Intelligence Community are included in the DOD appropriations measure.)

The [Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act](#) regulates certain aspects of satellite television and must be reauthorized every 5 years. It affects both telecommunications law and copyright law and thus is within the jurisdiction of the [House Energy and Commerce](#) (E&C) Committee and the [House Judiciary](#) (Jud) Committee, and the [Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation](#) (Comm) Committee and the [Senate Judiciary](#) (Jud) Committee.

Creating a New U.S. Code Title For Space-Related Laws. [House Judiciary Committee](#); [Senate Judiciary Committee](#).

Third Party Liability Indemnification for Commercial Launch Companies: [House Science and Technology Committee](#); [Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee](#).

Commercial Space Transportation Centers of Excellence: [House Science and Technology Committee](#)