

## S 517

National Laboratories Partnership Improvement Act of 2001

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Mar 12, 2001

**Current Status:** Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 65.

**Latest Action:** Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 65. (Apr 25, 2002)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Mar 12, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 12, 2001
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 20, 2001

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 5, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 4	Procedurally related	<b>Oct 10, 2002:</b> NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTIONS - Mr. Waxman notified the House of his intent to offer motions to instruct conferees on the bill H.R. 4.
107 S 259	Identical bill	<b>Jul 18, 2001:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

## Summary (as of Jun 5, 2001)

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National Laboratories Partnership Improvement Act of 2001 - Instructs the Secretary of Energy to: (1) establish a Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program to improve the ability of the National Laboratories to support department missions by stimulating technology cluster development, improving Laboratory ability to leverage and benefit from commercial research, technology, and services, and encouraging the exchange of scientific and technological expertise between such Laboratories and other specified institutions; (2) provide specified maximum funding among up to ten National Laboratories selected to conduct those Programs; (3) authorize each National Laboratory Director to implement such Pilot Program; (4) require each such Director to establish a small business advocacy program (organizationally independent of National Laboratory procurement function) to increase small business participation in procurement, collaborative research, and technology licensing and transfer; and (5) establish a technology partnership ombudsman program and a small business assistance program.

Directs the Secretary to report to Congress on whether implementation should continue beyond the pilot stage.

Requires the Secretary to direct the Laboratory Operations Board to study and report on improvements to mission effectiveness, partnerships, and technology transfer at National Laboratories.

Amends the Department of Energy Organization Act to authorize the Secretary, in addition to specified authorities already granted, to enter into other transactions with public and private entities for research projects.

Mandates that, with respect to National Laboratories and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) facilities, all actions taken by the Secretary in implementing this Act shall be through the Administrator for Nuclear Security in conformance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000.

Amends the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to reflect the provisions of this Act with respect to strategic plans, experimental Federal waivers, and time required for approval.

States that it shall be an objective of the Administrator of NNSA each fiscal year, for cooperative research and development agreements or similar cooperative, cost-shared research partnerships with non-Federal organizations, to obligate funds in an amount at least equal to the percentage of the total amount appropriated for the NNSA for such fiscal year.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 25, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S3342-3417)
- **Apr 25, 2002:** Senate incorporated this measure in H.R.4 as an amendment.
- **Apr 25, 2002:** Senate passed related measure H.R.4 in lieu of this measure by Yea-Nay Vote. 88 - 11. Record Vote Number: 94.
- **Apr 25, 2002:** Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 65.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S3233-3293)
- **Apr 23, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S3117-3142, S3145-3150)
- **Apr 22, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S3009-3011)
- **Apr 18, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2871-2906, S2911-2916, S2936)
- **Apr 17, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2763-2820, S2857-2869)
- **Apr 16, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2696-2717)
- **Apr 11, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2507-2516, S2556-2571)
- **Apr 10, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2425-2443, S2447-2451, S2452-2465)
- **Apr 9, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2389-2402)
- **Apr 8, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2345-2347, S2351-2352)
- **Mar 21, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2194-2219, S2221-2222, S2223-2229, S2231-2239)
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2161-2174)
- **Mar 19, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2018-2069)
- **Mar 15, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1961-1962)
- **Mar 14, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1871-1915)
- **Mar 13, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1805-1840, S1841-1850)
- **Mar 12, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1743-1775)
- **Mar 11, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1715-1726)
- **Mar 8, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1693-1694)
- **Mar 7, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1621-1658)
- **Mar 6, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1553-1562, S1567-1592)
- **Mar 5, 2002:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1431-1438, S1441-1527, S1530-1533)
- **Feb 15, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S884-888)
- **Jun 5, 2001:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski without amendment. With written report No. 107-30.
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- **Jun 5, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 65.
- **May 16, 2001:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 12, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 12, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.