

HR 5303

Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jul 26, 2002

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-45]

Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 2, 2002
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act - (Sec. 2) Authorizes the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to: (1) establish the Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Program to reward outstanding amateur astronomers who make asteroid discoveries, and to augment the Government's asteroid discovery efforts; and (2) contract with the Minor Planet Center of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory to administer the program.

Sets forth three annual award categories for: (1) the amateur astronomer who, using amateur equipment only, discovers the largest absolute magnitude new asteroid having a near-Earth orbit during the preceding calendar year; (2) an amateur astronomer for pre-discovery and recovery efforts; and (3) the amateur astronomer, or professional not funded for optical astronomy, who provides the greatest service to update the minor planet catalogue.

Sets forth certain guidelines and eligibility requirements for the award of prizes.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2003 and 2004.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Mr. Rohrabacher moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6907-6909)
- **Oct 1, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5303.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6907)
- **Oct 1, 2002:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6907)
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics.
- **Jul 26, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **Jul 26, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Science.