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Commercial Space Transportation Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 13, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 5382	Related bill	Dec 23, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-492.
108 HR 3752	Related bill	Mar 8, 2004: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Commercial Space Transportation Act of 2003 - Amends Federal transportation law to authorize appropriations for FY 2004 through 2008 to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Extends from December 31, 2004, through December 31, 2009, the commercial space transportation (CST) indemnification program under which the Secretary of Transportation shall pay successful third-party claims against CST licensees, contractors, subcontractors, or transferees for catastrophic losses resulting from licensed space launch activities, to the extent such claims exceed mandatory insurance (including self-insurance) coverage.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress on the need for a distinct regulatory regime for suborbital vehicles taking into account their unique characteristics and purposes.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2003:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain without amendment. With written report No. 108-111.
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- **Jul 24, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 232.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 13, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 13, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.