

S 1855

Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Nov 12, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Nov 12, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]

Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 10, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 912	Identical bill	Mar 4, 2004: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Nov 12, 2003)

Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act - 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. Provides for annual awards to: (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 the professional not funded for optical astronomy, who provides the greatest service to update the minor planet catalogue.

## Actions Timeline

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