

HR 912

Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Feb 25, 2003

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

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/912>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]

**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	Mar 4, 2004
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Oct 8, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1855	Identical bill	Nov 12, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act - Directs the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to establish the Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Program.

Requires the Administrator to make awards based on the recommendations of the Minor Planet Center of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (Minor Planet Center).

Directs the Administrator to make one annual award, unless there are no eligible discoveries or contributions, for each of the following categories: (1) the amateur astronomer or group of amateur astronomers who discovered the intrinsically brightest near-Earth asteroid among the near-Earth asteroids that were discovered by such astronomers or groups; and (2) the amateur astronomer or group of amateur astronomers who made the greatest contribution to the mission of the Minor Planet Center to catalogue near-Earth asteroids.

Limits the amount of an award under such Program to \$3,000.

Bars any individual who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States at the time of such individual's discovery or contribution from receiving an award.

Makes the Administrator's awards decisions under this Act final.

Authorizes appropriations.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Mar 4, 2004:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Mar 3, 2004:** Mr. Rohrabacher moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 3, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H757-759)
- **Mar 3, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 912.
- **Mar 3, 2004:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 3, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H787-788)
- **Mar 3, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 1 (Roll no. 35).(text: CR H758)
- **Mar 3, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 3, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 1 (Roll no. 35). (text: CR H758)
- **Feb 11, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 108-418.
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- **Feb 11, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 240.
- **Feb 4, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 4, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 8, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 8, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics.
- **Feb 25, 2003:** Introduced in House
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