

HR 1023

Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Mar 1, 2005

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-46]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3] | R · MI | | Apr 6, 2005 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 11, 2005 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Reported By | Apr 12, 2005 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **May 10, 2005:** Mr. Rohrabacher moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 10, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3065-3068)
- **May 10, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1023.
- **May 10, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3065)
- **May 10, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3065)
- **May 10, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 12, 2005:** Reported by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 109-37.
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- **Apr 12, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
- **Mar 17, 2005:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 17, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 17, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Science.