

HR 5143

H-Prize Act of 2006

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Inglis, Bob [R-SC-4]

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

Cosponsors (26 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Boehlert, Sherwood [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Apr 6, 2006
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Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	R · SC		May 2, 2006
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		May 2, 2006
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		May 2, 2006
Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]	R · PA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		May 3, 2006
Rep. Johnson, Nancy L. [R-CT-5]	R · CT		May 3, 2006
Rep. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS-1]	R · MS		May 3, 2006
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		May 4, 2006
Rep. Johnson, Timothy V. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		May 9, 2006
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 9, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2006
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	May 9, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2796	Related bill	May 12, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4524-4525)

H-Prize Act of 2006 - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of Energy to award competitive cash prizes biennially to advance the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of hydrogen energy technologies.

Instructs the Secretary to widely advertise prize competitions to encourage broad participation, including by individuals, universities (including historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions), and large and small businesses (including businesses owned or controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged persons).

Directs the Secretary enter into an agreement with a private, nonprofit entity to administer the prize competitions.

States that funding sources for such cash prizes shall consist of federal appropriated funds and funds provided by the administering entity.

Terminates the authority to announce the prize competitions on September 30, 2017.

(Sec. 4) Designates prize-eligible categories, including: (1) advancements in certain hydrogen components or systems; (2) prototypes of hydrogen-powered vehicles or other hydrogen-based products that meet or exceed certain performance criteria; and (3) transformational changes in technologies for hydrogen distribution or production that meet or exceed far-reaching criteria, including minimal carbon emissions, and which may include cost criteria designed to facilitate the eventual market success of a winning technology.

Prescribes guidelines for implementation and eligibility.

(Sec. 6) Declares that the federal government shall not, by virtue of offering or awarding a prize under this Act, be entitled to any intellectual property rights derived as a consequence of, or direct relation to, the participation by a registered participant in a competition authorized by this Act.

(Sec. 7) Prescribes guidelines for waiver of liability by registered participants.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations for FY2007-FY2016. Prescribes award allocation guidelines.

(Sec. 9) States that the programs created under this Act shall not be considered a substitute for federal research and development programs.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2006:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **May 10, 2006:** Mr. Inglis (SC) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 10, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2346-2354)
- **May 10, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5143.
- **May 10, 2006:** 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.
- **May 10, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2366-2367)
- **May 10, 2006:** 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): 416 - 6, 1 Present (Roll no. 131).(text: CR H2346-2347)
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- **May 10, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 9, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 109-456.
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- **May 9, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 254.
- **May 3, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 3, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 27, 2006:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 6, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 6, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Science.