

HR 608

Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2009

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Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jan 16, 2009
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jan 21, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Discharged From	Apr 24, 2009
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 146	Text similarities	Mar 30, 2009: Became Public Law No: 111-11.
111 S 22	Related bill	Mar 11, 2009: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 282 - 144 (Roll no. 117).

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

Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2009 - Authorizes the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to: (1) design and construct laboratory and support space to accommodate the Mathias Laboratory at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, Maryland; (2) construct laboratory space to accommodate the terrestrial research program of the Smithsonian tropical research institute in Gamboa, Panama; and (3) construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland, to maintain its horticultural operations and preserve the orchid collection it holds in trust.

Authorizes appropriations for: (1) FY2009-FY2011 for the design and construction of the laboratory and support space to accommodate the Mathias Laboratory; (2) FY2009-FY2010 for the construction of the laboratory space to accommodate the terrestrial research program; and (3) the construction of the greenhouse facility.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 24, 2009:** Committee on House Administration discharged.
- **Apr 24, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 38.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** For Further Action See P.L. 111-11, Title XV, Sections 15101 through 15103.
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 111-53, Part I.
- **Mar 25, 2009:** House Committee on House Administration Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than April 24, 2009.
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 20, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E108)
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to House Administration

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