

HR 1162

Science Prize Competitions Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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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. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Apr 14, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	May 19, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3084	Related bill	Jan 6, 2017: Became Public Law No: 114-329.
114 S 2926	Related bill	May 12, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
114 HR 1898	Related bill	Nov 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
114 HR 1806	Related bill	May 21, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of May 19, 2015)

Science Prize Competitions Act

Amends the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 regarding prize competitions, allowing an agency to waive liability insurance requirements for participants.

Allows an agency to enter into a grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other agreement with a private sector for-profit as well as a nonprofit entity (as under current law) to administer a prize competition.

Permits the use of funds from private sector for-profit entities to support a prize competition.

Prohibits an agency from giving special consideration to any private sector for-profit entity in return for a donation.

Limits the use of federal funds to those made available by appropriations Acts.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **May 19, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 114-125.
- **May 19, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 90.
- **May 19, 2015:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 19, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3363-3365)
- **May 19, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1162.
- **May 19, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3363)
- **May 19, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3363)
- **May 19, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.