

S 2815

United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Apr 19, 2016
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 19, 2016
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 24, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 16, 2016
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 20, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4875	Identical bill	Jul 22, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-196.

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

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(Sec. 4) This bill establishes the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to plan, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of U.S. history leading up to the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

(Sec. 5) The Commission shall: (1) prepare an overall program for the commemoration; (2) plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events associated with the Semiquincentennial; (3) emphasize the planning of events in locations of historical significance to the United States; (4) give special emphasis to the role of persons and locations with significant impact on U.S. history beginning on the date of execution of the Declaration of Independence and to the ideas associated with that history; and (5) submit to the President a comprehensive report that includes its specific recommendations for such commemoration.

(Sec. 6) The Department of the Interior shall study and report to the Commission on appropriate actions that might be taken to further preserve and develop historic sites and battlefields to ensure that fitting observances and exhibits may be held at such sites during the celebration.

The Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Archives shall cooperate with the Commission. The Secretary of State shall coordinate the participation of foreign nations in the celebration.

(Sec. 9) All expenditures of the Commission shall be made solely from donated funds and from funds specifically appropriated for the Commission.

The Commission shall seek to enter into an arrangement with USA 250, Incorporated, to house the administrative offices of the Commission, assume responsibility for Commission funds, and provide financial and administrative services.

The Commission shall submit a report annually on its activities, including an accounting of funds received and expended.

(Sec. 10) The Commission shall terminate on December 31, 2027.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 20, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 20, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4263-4265)
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4263-4265)
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S4263-4265)
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S4263-4265)
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 19, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 19, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.