

## HR 3293

### Scientific Research in the National Interest 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 Health, Education, Labor, and

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 11, 2016)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Oct 6, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 11, 2016
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 2, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HRES 609	Procedurally related	Feb 10, 2016: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
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 Feb 10, 2016)

### Scientific Research in the National Interest Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the National Science Foundation (NSF) to award federal funding for basic research and education in the sciences through a new research grant or cooperative agreement only if it makes an affirmative determination, justified in writing, that the grant or agreement promotes the progress of science in the United States, is worthy of federal funding, and meets certain other criteria.

The bill declares that such a determination shall be made after a research grant or cooperative agreement proposal has first satisfied the NSF's reviews for Merit and Broader Impacts.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 11, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Rule H. Res. 609 passed House.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 609. (consideration: CR H677-690)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3442 and H.R. 3293.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 609 and Rule XVIII.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Rodney Davis to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 3293.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 609, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the E.B. Johnson amendment No. 2.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the E.B. Johnson amendment No. 2, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. E.B. Johnson demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 609, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson Lee amendment No. 3.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 609, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson Lee amendment No. 4.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 609, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DelBene amendment No. 5.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 609, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DelBene amendment No. 6.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved that the committee rise.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 3293 as unfinished business.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H690-693)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 3293.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H691)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Ms. Edwards moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. (consideration: CR H691; text: CR H691)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Edwards motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with amendments to increase understanding of the causes and prevention of gun violence.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H692)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 177 - 241 (Roll no. 69). (consideration: CR H692)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 236 - 178 (Roll no. 70). (text: CR H684)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 236 - 178 (Roll no. 70). (text: CR H684)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 9, 2016:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 609 Reported to House. Resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3442 and H.R. 3293.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 114-412.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 314.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

**Oct 8, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

• **Jul 29, 2015:** Introduced in House

• **Jul 29, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.