

## HR 4875

### United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Mar 23, 2016
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Apr 19, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 23, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2815	Identical bill	Jun 20, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on July 5, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016**

(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; and (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.

(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.

Interior shall, through a competitive process, seek to enter into an arrangement with a nonprofit organization, the mission of which is consistent with the purpose of this bill, under which such nonprofit shall:

- serve as the secretariat of the Commission;
- house the administrative offices of the Commission;
- assume responsibility for funds of the Commission; and
- provide to the Commission financial and administrative services related to budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, personnel, and procurement.

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

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 22, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 22, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-196.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5010)
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- **Jul 6, 2016:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4258-4260)
- **Jul 5, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4875.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4258-4260)
- **Jul 5, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4258-4260)
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 23, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.