

## HR 985

Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Feb 13, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Nov 15, 2016)

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Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Mar 24, 2015
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Mar 24, 2015
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Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Apr 13, 2015
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Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Apr 22, 2015
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Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Apr 30, 2015
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Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		May 1, 2015
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Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 13, 2015
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		May 13, 2015
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 13, 2015
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		May 13, 2015
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Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-13]	R · NC		May 13, 2015

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Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 29, 2015
Rep. Carney, John C., Jr. [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 29, 2015
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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 29, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		May 29, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		May 29, 2015
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		May 29, 2015
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 3, 2015
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 3, 2015
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Jun 11, 2015
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 11, 2015
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2015

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Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jun 15, 2015
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jun 15, 2015
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Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jun 19, 2015
Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Jun 19, 2015
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jun 19, 2015
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jun 19, 2015
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jul 14, 2015
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jul 15, 2015
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jul 15, 2015
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2015

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Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Jul 20, 2015
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jul 20, 2015
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jul 22, 2015
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Nugent, Richard B. [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Sep 15, 2015
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 15, 2015
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 17, 2015
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Sep 28, 2015

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Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Oct 5, 2015
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Oct 7, 2015
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Oct 9, 2015
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2015
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Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Oct 26, 2015
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Nov 3, 2015
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Nov 3, 2015
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Nov 4, 2015
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2]	D · NE		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Nov 19, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Nov 19, 2015
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Dec 7, 2015
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Dec 10, 2015
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Dec 11, 2015
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Dec 11, 2015
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jan 11, 2016
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 23, 2016
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		May 23, 2016
Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Jul 8, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 10, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1524	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.



## **Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015**

(Sec. 4) This bill directs the Department of Commerce to issue orders applicable to manufacturers of concrete masonry products.

An order regarding the generic research, education, and promotion of concrete masonry products may be:

- proposed by Commerce at any time, or
- requested (and submitted to Commerce) by an existing national organization of concrete masonry product manufacturers or any person that may be affected by the issuance of such an order.

(Sec. 5) Any order issued under this bill shall provide for establishment of a Concrete Masonry Products Board to carry out a program of generic promotion, research, and education regarding concrete masonry products. The order shall specify the powers and duties of the board.

The board may not engage in any action, nor use any funds received under this bill, to:

- influence legislation, elections, or governmental action;
- engage in any conflict of interest;
- engage in advertising that is false or misleading; or
- engage in any promotion, research, or education that would be disparaging to other construction materials, or any promotion or project that would benefit any individual manufacturer.

Manufacturers and importers shall maintain, and make available for inspection, specified records.

(Sec. 6) Any order must also require that quarterly assessments be paid by manufacturers for any concrete masonry products manufactured at least 180 days before remittance of the assessment to the board.

The bill establishes an initial assessment rate of \$0.01 per concrete masonry unit sold. The board may increase or decrease such rate but any change may not exceed \$0.01 per unit, and be made no more than once per year. The maximum rate shall be \$0.05 per unit.

At least 50% of the assessments (less administrative expenses) paid by a manufacturer shall be used to support research, education, and promotion programs and projects in support of the manufacturer's geographic region. The bill divides the states into five specified regions, whose composition Commerce may adjust on the board's recommendation.

(Sec. 7) During the 60-day period preceding the proposed effective date of an order, Commerce shall conduct a referendum for order approval, according to specified procedures, among the manufacturers required to pay assessments under it.

(Sec. 8) The bill prescribes requirements for petition and review of an order, including order enforcement through U.S. district courts. Commerce may assess a civil penalty on any person willfully violating such an order or regulation.

(Sec. 10) Commerce may also conduct appropriate investigations to administer this bill (with power of subpoena).

(Sec. 11) Commerce must suspend or terminate any order, or a provision of an order, that obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the purposes of this bill, or that is not favored by a majority of all votes cast in a referendum.

(Sec. 15) Funds appropriated to carry out this bill may not be used for the board's payment of expenses or expenditures in administering the order.

(Sec. 16) In each fiscal year that begins on the enactment of this bill and ends on the last day of the 11th fiscal year that begins on or after such enactment, the board may not obligate an amount greater than the sum of:

- 73% of the amount of assessments estimated to be collected in such fiscal year;
- 73% of the amount of assessments actually collected in the most recent fiscal year for which an audit report has been submitted as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which the amount that may be obligated is being determined, less the estimate made for the most recent fiscal year; and
- unobligated amounts permitted in the preceding fiscal years.

This bill prescribes a special rule regarding this prohibition for the amount of assessments estimated to be collected in the 9th and 10th fiscal years that begin on or after such enactment.

(Sec. 17) The Government Accountability Office shall study how the board spends assessments collected, the impact of board activities, and other matters relating to the demand for concrete masonry products.

(Sec. 18) Commerce shall examine the appropriateness and effectiveness of applying the commodity check-off program model to a nonagricultural industry. (A commodity check-off program collects funds through a checkoff mechanism from producers of a particular agricultural commodity and uses them to promote and do research on that particular commodity.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 15, 2016:** Received in the Senate.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Mr. Burgess moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6120-6126)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 985.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6132-6133)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 355 - 38 (Roll no. 575).(text: CR H6120-6125)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 355 - 38 (Roll no. 575). (text: CR H6120-6125)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 8, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-671.
- **Jul 8, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 519.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 10, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Feb 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.