

S 2979

Spending Cuts to Expired and Unnecessary Programs Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Current Status: Read twice and referred concurrently to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget pursuant to the

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Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2979>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		May 24, 2018
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		May 24, 2018
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		May 24, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		May 24, 2018
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		May 24, 2018
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		May 24, 2018
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		May 24, 2018
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 24, 2018
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 4, 2018
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 5, 2018
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 14, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2018
Budget Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3	Related bill	Jun 20, 2018: Motion to discharge Senate Committees on Appropriations; the Budget rejected by Yea-Nay Vote. 48 - 50. Record Vote Number: 134.

Summary (as of May 24, 2018)

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This bill rescinds approximately \$15 billion in budget authority over 2018-2028 that was proposed to be rescinded by the President under procedures included in the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

(A rescission is legislation enacted by Congress that cancels the availability of previously enacted budget authority before the authority would otherwise expire. Under current law, the President may propose rescissions to Congress, which must be enacted into law to take effect. Congress may rescind all, part, or none of the amounts proposed by the President. If Congress does not pass rescission legislation within 45 days of continuous session of Congress, the President must make the funds available.)

The bill rescinds budget authority from specified programs and accounts within:

- the Department of Agriculture,
- the Department of Commerce,
- the Department of Energy,
- the Department of Health and Human Services,
- the Department of Housing and Urban Development,
- the Department of Justice,
- the Department of Labor,
- the Department of State,
- the Millennium Challenge Corporation,
- the U.S. Agency for International Development.
- the Department of Transportation,
- the Department of the Treasury,
- the Corporation for National and Community Service, and
- the Railroad Retirement Board.

Actions Timeline

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