

## HR 326

### Neuromyelitis Optica Consortium Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 5, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 25, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/326>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jan 5, 2017)

### Neuromyelitis Optica Consortium Act

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require the National Institutes of Health to establish, administer, and coordinate a national consortium on neuromyelitis optica (NMO), which is a neurological disease that can cause blindness and paralysis. The consortium must:

- award grants for research on the causes of, and the risk factors and biomarkers associated with, NMO;
- assemble a panel of experts to provide guidance and recommendations on research design and protocols; and
- designate a central laboratory to collect and analyze data from this research and to make the data and analysis available to researchers.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 25, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.