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Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 15, 2017
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 8, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 15, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 23, 2017
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 20, 2017
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Nov 15, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 22, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1046	Identical bill	<b>Feb 17, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.

## **Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2017**

This bill directs the Department of Commerce to issue orders applicable to U.S. manufacturers of concrete masonry products. Any such order must provide for the establishment of a Concrete Masonry Products Board to carry out a program of generic promotion, research, and education regarding concrete masonry products.

An order must also provide that assessments be paid by concrete masonry product manufacturers for concrete masonry products manufactured and marketed in the United States. At least 50% of the assessments paid by a manufacturer must be used to support research, education, and generic promotion programs and projects in support of the geographic region of the manufacturer.

During the 60-day period preceding the proposed effective date of an order, Commerce shall conduct a referendum for order approval among manufacturers.

The bill allows petition and review of an order, and order enforcement through U.S. district courts.

The bill requires a study and a report by: (1) the Government Accountability Office on how the board spends assessments collected, the impact of board activities, and other matters relating to the demand for concrete masonry products; and (2) Commerce on the appropriateness and effectiveness of applying the commodity check-off program model to a nonagricultural industry.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 22, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 115-218.
- **Mar 22, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 365.
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.