

S 1694

One Small Step to Protect Human Heritage in Space Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 23, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 15, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 15, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jul 15, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 16, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 19, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3766	Identical bill	Jul 16, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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This bill directs the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to

- add the recommendations described in the following clause as a condition or requirement to contracts, grants, agreements, partnerships or other arrangements pertaining to lunar activities carried out by, for, or in partnership with NASA;
- inform other relevant federal agencies of the recommendations; and
- encourage the use of best practices, consistent with the recommendations, by such agencies.

The recommendations described are

- NASA's *Recommendations to Space-Faring Entities: How to Protect and Preserve the Historic and Scientific Value of U.S. Government Lunar Artifacts* issued by NASA on July 20, 2011, and updated on October 28, 2011; and
- any successor recommendations, guidelines, best practices, or standards related to the principle of due regard and the limitation of harmful interference with Apollo landing site artifacts issued by NASA.

NASA may waive the conditions or requirements as it applies to an individual contract, grant, agreement, partnership or other arrangement pertaining to lunar activities carried out by, for, or in partnership with NASA so long as

- such waiver is accompanied by a finding from NASA that carrying out the first directed obligation of this bill would be unduly prohibitive to an activity or activities of legitimate and significant historical, archaeological, anthropological, scientific, or engineering value; and
- the finding is provided to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate no later than 30 days before the waiver takes effect.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 31, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 31, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-275.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2020:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendments to S. 1694 by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 19, 2020:** Senate agreed to the House amendments to S. 1694 by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S7850)
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Ms. Horn, Kendra S. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7219-7222)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1694.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7219-7220)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7219-7220)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 6, 2020:** By Senator Wicker from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 116-194.
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4934-4935)
- **Jul 18, 2019:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S4934)
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Voice Vote.(text: CR S4935)
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Voice Vote. (text: CR S4935)
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 16, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Jul 16, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 152.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 23, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.