

HR 246

Stimulating Innovation through Procurement Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Jan 4, 2019

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Jan 15, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3] | R · UT | | Jan 4, 2019 |
| Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7] | D · NY | | Jan 4, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 4, 2019 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jan 15, 2019 |
| Small Business Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 4, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 116 HR 2500 | Related bill | Aug 11, 2020: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512. |
| 116 S 1790 | Related bill | Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92. |

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This bill provides assistance to small businesses participating in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program or the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program. Specifically, the bill requires

- the Small Business Administration (SBA) to coordinate with the senior procurement executives of federal agencies participating in SBIR or STTR programs to assist small businesses participating in such programs with commercializing research before the business is awarded a federal contract,
- the SBA to modify its policy directives to require procurement center representatives to assist small businesses participating in SBIR or STTR programs with researching solicitations for federal contracts and submitting bids, and
- each Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization to assist small businesses participating in SBIR or STTR programs with researching solicitations for federal contracts and submitting bids.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 15, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Ms. Velazquez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H524-526)
- **Jan 14, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 246.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H524)
- **Jan 14, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H524)
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.