

S 881

PROSWIFT Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Mar 26, 2019

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 116-181.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 116-181. (Oct 21, 2020)

Law: 116-181 (Enacted Oct 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 26, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5260	Related bill	Jan 9, 2020: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Promoting Research and Observations of Space Weather to Improve the Forecasting of Tomorrow Act or the PROSWIFT Act

This bill sets forth provisions concerning improving the ability of the United States to forecast space weather events and mitigate the effects of space weather.

The bill provides statutory authority for the National Science and Technology Council's Space Weather Operations, Research, and Mitigation Working Group, which coordinates executive branch efforts regarding space weather.

The bill directs the Office of Science and Technology Policy, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Science Foundation, Air Force, Navy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and U.S. Geological Survey to carry out specified space weather activities.

NOAA may establish a pilot program under which NOAA offers to enter into contracts with entities in the commercial space weather sector to provide NOAA with space weather data that meets certain standards.

The working group must periodically review and update the benchmarks described in the report of the National Science and Technology Council titled *Space Weather Phase 1 Benchmarks* and dated June 2018, as necessary, based on (1) any significant new data or advances in scientific understanding that become available, or (2) the evolving needs of entities impacted by space weather phenomena.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 21, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 21, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-181.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Mr. Perlmutter moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4455-4463)
- **Sep 16, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 881.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4455-4458)
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 28, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 27, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4512-4513)
- **Jul 27, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S4509-4512)
- **Jul 27, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S4509-4512)
- **Dec 11, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker without amendment. With written report No. 116-171.
- **Dec 11, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 322.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.