

HR 6219

ASCEND Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Nov 3, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sep 24, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6219>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]

Party: Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Nov 3, 2023
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 24, 2024
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 23, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8958	Related bill	Sep 24, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 2634	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Accessing Satellite Data to Enable New Discoveries Act or the ASCEND Act

This bill provides statutory authority for the Commercial SmallSat Data Acquisition Program. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) established the program as a pilot program in 2017 to acquire commercial small-satellite data in support of NASA's earth science research.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Mr. Lucas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5623-5625)
- **Sep 23, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6219.
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5623-5624)
- **Sep 23, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5623-5624)
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 118-603.
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 502.
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 37 - 0.
- **Nov 3, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 3, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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