

HR 6394

Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule Act

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Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Dec 7, 2023
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2024
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		May 6, 2024

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Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 22, 2024
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Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2024
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Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Sep 23, 2024
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Nov 8, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Reported By	Nov 19, 2024
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 17, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 20, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Congress

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3293	Identical bill	Nov 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Summary (as of Dec 16, 2024)

Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule Act

This bill requires the Architect of the Capitol to create a congressional time capsule in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence to be buried on the west lawn of the Capitol on or before July 4, 2026. Congressional leadership will determine the contents of the time capsule, and the time capsule shall be sealed until July 4, 2276.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Mr. Steil moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7154-7156)
- **Dec 16, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6394.
- **Dec 16, 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 H7154-7155)
- **Dec 16, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7154-7155)
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Reported by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 118-755, Part I.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 626.
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 20, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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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