

S 3705

Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Congress

Introduced: Jan 27, 2026

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 119-79.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 119-79. (Feb 18, 2026)

Law: 119-79 (Enacted Feb 18, 2026)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/3705>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 27, 2026
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 27, 2026
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 27, 2026

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Congress

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 6243	Related bill	Nov 21, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Summary (as of Jan 27, 2026)

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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 in the Capitol Visitor Center on or before July 4, 2026. The time capsule shall contain a joint letter from congressional leadership and such other contents as they shall determine. The time capsule shall be sealed until July 4, 2276.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 18, 2026:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 18, 2026:** Became Public Law No: 119-79.
- **Feb 12, 2026:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 9, 2026:** Mrs. Bice moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 9, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2046-2048)
- **Feb 9, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3705.
- **Feb 9, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2046-2047)
- **Feb 9, 2026:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2046-2047)
- **Feb 9, 2026:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 9, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 2, 2026:** Received in the House.
- **Feb 2, 2026:** Held at the desk.
- **Jan 27, 2026:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 27, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 27, 2026:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S298; text: CR S298)

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