



H.Res. 1315 – Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1315 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) on June 26, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1315 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 9, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1315 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary;
- Acknowledges the value of NASA's discoveries and accomplishments; and
- Pledges to maintain America's position as the world leader in aeronautics and space exploration and technology.

BACKGROUND

Created on July 29, 1958, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is the federal agency primarily responsible for the United States' public space program and aerospace research. The agency was established largely in response to the launch of the Soviet satellite *Sputnik* in 1957. The current NASA Administrator is Michael D. Griffin, who supervises about 17,000 employees. NASA was most recently authorized by the NASA Authorization Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-155).

NASA has accomplished several scientific and exploratory milestones during its fifty-year operation. In 1961, NASA launched the first-manned spacecraft, Freedom 7. In 1969, NASA was responsible for the Apollo 11 flight which landed a man on the Moon and returned to Earth safely. Today, NASA coordinates American efforts with the International Space Shuttle and operates the Hubble Space Telescope.

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