Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1162, with an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. R. 1162

To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Mr. Beyer (for himself, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, and Mr. Smith of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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A BILL

To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Science Prize Competitions Act”.

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SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRIZE COMPETITIONS.


(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) by inserting “competition” after “section, a prize”;  

(B) by inserting “types” after “following”;  

and

(C) in paragraph (4), by striking “prizes” and inserting “prize competitions”;

(2) in subsection (f)—

(A) by striking “in the Federal Register” and inserting “on a publicly accessible Government website, such as www.challenge.gov,”; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “prize” and inserting “cash prize purse”;

(3) in subsection (g), by striking “prize” and inserting “cash prize purse”;

(4) in subsection (h), by inserting “prize” before “competition” both places it appears;

(5) in subsection (i)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “prize” before “competition”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “prize” before “competition” both places it appears;
(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) WAIVER.—An agency may waive the requirement under paragraph (2). The annual report under subsection (p) shall include a list of such waivers granted during the preceding fiscal year, along with a detailed explanation of the reasons for granting the waivers.”;

(6) in subsection (k)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “prize” before “competition”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “prize” before “competitions” both places it appears;

(7) in subsection (l), by striking all after “may enter into” and inserting “a grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other agreement with a private sector for-profit or nonprofit entity to administer the prize competition, subject to the provisions of this section.”;

(8) in subsection (m)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:
“(1) IN GENERAL.—Support for a prize competition under this section, including financial support for the design and administration of a prize competition or funds for a cash prize purse, may consist of Federal appropriated funds and funds provided by private sector for-profit and nonprofit entities. The head of an agency may accept funds from other Federal agencies, private sector for-profit entities, and nonprofit entities, to be available to the extent provided by appropriations Acts, to support such prize competitions. The head of an agency may not give any special consideration to any private sector for-profit or nonprofit entity in return for a donation.”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “prize awards” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

(C) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(i) by striking “No prize” and inserting “No prize competition”; and

(ii) by striking “the prize” and inserting “the cash prize purse”;

(D) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “a prize” and inserting “a cash prize purse”; 

(E) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by inserting “competition” after “prize”;

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(F) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “a prize” and inserting “cash prize purse”; and

(G) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “cash prizes” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

(9) in subsection (n), by inserting “for both for-profit and nonprofit entities,” after “contract vehicle”; 

(10) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “or providing a prize” and insert “a prize competition or providing a cash prize purse”; and

(11) in subsection (p)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “cash prizes” both places it occurs and inserting “cash prize purses”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(G) PLAN.—A description of crosscutting topical areas and agency-specific mission needs that may be the strongest opportunities for prize competitions during the upcoming 2 fiscal years.”.