

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2980, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2980

To provide for Department of Energy and National Science Foundation research and development coordination, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2023

Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mr. BAIRD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

To provide for Department of Energy and National Science Foundation research and development coordination, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “DOE and NSF Inter-
5 agency Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATIONAL SCIENCE**
2 **FOUNDATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
3 **COORDINATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (in this
5 section referred to as the “Secretary”) and the Director
6 of the National Science Foundation (in this section re-
7 ferred to as the “Director”) shall carry out cross-cutting
8 and collaborative research and development activities fo-
9 cused on the joint advancement of Department of Energy
10 and National Science Foundation mission requirements
11 and priorities.

12 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-
13 retary and the Director shall coordinate the activities
14 under subsection (a) through the establishment of a
15 memorandum of understanding, or other appropriate
16 interagency agreement. Such memorandum or agreement,
17 as the case may be, shall require the use of a competitive,
18 merit-reviewed process, which considers applications from
19 Federal agencies, National Laboratories, institutions of
20 higher education, non-profit institutions, and other appro-
21 priate entities.

22 (c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the activities
23 under subsection (a), the Secretary and the Director
24 may—

25 (1) conduct collaborative research in a variety
26 of focus areas, such as—

1 (A) basic plasma science and engineering,
2 including applications in astrophysics, materials
3 science, fusion science, and accelerator science;

4 (B) fundamental biological and computa-
5 tional science and engineering, including com-
6 putational neuroscience and neuromorphic com-
7 puting, including in collaboration with the pro-
8 gram authorized under section 306 of the De-
9 partment of Energy Research and Innovation
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 18644);

11 (C) modeling and simulation, machine
12 learning, artificial intelligence, data assimila-
13 tion, large-scale data analytics, predictive anal-
14 ysis, and advanced computational, storage, and
15 networking capabilities in order to optimize al-
16 gorithms for purposes related to energy and cli-
17 mate;

18 (D) quantum information sciences, includ-
19 ing quantum computing and quantum network
20 infrastructure, including in collaboration with
21 the programs authorized under sections 403
22 and 404 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
23 (15 U.S.C. 8853 and 8854);

24 (E) energy and materials science and engi-
25 neering, including artificial photosynthesis,

1 plasma, solar fuels, and fusion, including in col-
2 laboration with the programs authorized under
3 sections 303 and 307 of the Department of En-
4 ergy Research and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C.
5 18641 and 18645), and section 973 of the En-
6 ergy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16313);

7 (F) advanced manufacturing technologies,
8 including efficient storage systems and alter-
9 natives to high-temperature processing, for the
10 purposes of optimizing energy consumption, in-
11 cluding in collaboration with the program au-
12 thorized under section 975 of the Department
13 of Energy Research and Innovation Act (42
14 U.S.C. 16315);

15 (G) microelectronics, including novel chip
16 architectures, memory systems, and intercon-
17 nects; and

18 (H) advanced physics, including high en-
19 ergy and particle physics, accelerator research
20 and development, and high performance com-
21 putational tools, including in collaboration with
22 the programs authorized under section 303 of
23 the Department of Energy Research and Inno-
24 vation Act (42 U.S.C. 18641);

1 (2) promote collaboration, open community-
2 based development, and data and information shar-
3 ing between Federal agencies, National Labora-
4 tories, institutions of higher education, nonprofit in-
5 stitutions, and other appropriate entities by pro-
6 viding the necessary access and secure data and in-
7 formation transfer capabilities;

8 (3) support research infrastructure, including
9 new facilities and equipment, as the Secretary and
10 Director determine necessary; and

11 (4) organize education, training, and research
12 initiatives relating to STEM education and work-
13 force development, including—

14 (A) internships, fellowships, and other re-
15 search or work-based learning opportunities;

16 (B) educational programming for students
17 at all levels, especially experiential and project-
18 based learning opportunities; and

19 (C) professional development opportunities
20 for educators and researchers.

21 (d) AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out the activities
22 under subsection (a), the Secretary and the Director are
23 authorized to—

24 (1) carry out reimbursable agreements between
25 the Department of Energy, the National Science

1 Foundation, and other entities in order to maximize
2 the effectiveness of research and development; and

3 (2) collaborate with other Federal agencies, as
4 appropriate.

5 (e) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
6 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary and the
7 Director shall submit to the Committee on Science, Space,
8 and Technology of the House of Representatives and the
9 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the
10 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
11 the Senate a report detailing the following:

12 (1) Interagency coordination between each Fed-
13 eral agency involved in the research and development
14 activities carried out under this section.

15 (2) Potential opportunities to expand the tech-
16 nical capabilities of the Department of Energy and
17 the National Science Foundation.

18 (3) Collaborative research achievements.

19 (4) Areas of future mutually beneficial suc-
20 cesses.

21 (5) Continuation of coordination activities be-
22 tween the Department of Energy and the National
23 Science Foundation.

24 (f) RESEARCH SECURITY.—The activities authorized
25 under this section shall be applied in a manner consistent

1 with subtitle D of title VI of the Research and Develop-
2 ment, Competition, and Innovation Act (enacted as divi-
3 sion B of Public Law 117–167; 42 U.S.C. 19231 et seq.).