

# Union Calendar No. 626

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6394

**[Report No. 118–755, Part I]**

To provide for the creation of a Congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, and Mr. LAWLER) introduced the following bill; which was 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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Additional sponsors: Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LATTA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. OWENS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PORTER, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. CARSON, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CHU, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MOLINARO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. NORCROSS, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina

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Reported from the Committee on House Administration

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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## **A BILL**

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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 “Semiquicentennial  
5 Congressional Time Capsule Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEMIQUICENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL TIME CAP-**  
7 **SULE.**

8 (a) CREATION BY ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—  
9 The Architect of the Capitol shall create a Congressional  
10 time capsule, to be known as the “Semiquicentennial  
11 Congressional Time Capsule” (in this Act referred to as  
12 the “Time Capsule”).

13 (b) CONTENTS.—

14 (1) DETERMINATION BY CONGRESSIONAL LEAD-  
15 ERSHIP.—The Office of the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives, Office of the Minority Leader of the  
17 House of Representatives, Office of the Majority  
18 Leader of the Senate, and Office of the Minority  
19 Leader of the Senate shall jointly determine the con-  
20 tents of the Time Capsule, taking into account the  
21 requirements of paragraph (2).

22 (2) SPECIFICATIONS.—The contents of the  
23 Time Capsule shall include—

24 (A) a representative portion of all books,  
25 manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter,

1 memorabilia, relics, and other materials relating  
2 to the United States Semiquincentennial;

3 (B) copies or representations of important  
4 legislative and institutional milestones of Con-  
5 gress during the time before the Time Capsule  
6 is buried;

7 (C) a message from Congress to the future  
8 Congress when the Time Capsule will be  
9 opened; and

10 (D) such other content as the offices de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (1) consider appropriate.

12 (3) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this sub-  
13 section, the offices described in paragraph (1) may  
14 consult with the Architect of the Capitol, the Sec-  
15 retary of the Smithsonian Institution, and such  
16 other entities of the Federal Government as the of-  
17 fices consider appropriate.

18 (c) DUTIES OF ARCHITECT.—The Architect of the  
19 Capitol shall—

20 (1) prepare the Time Capsule to be sealed and  
21 buried on the West Lawn of the Capitol, at a loca-  
22 tion specified by the Architect, on or before July  
23 4th, 2026, at a time which would permit individuals  
24 attending this event to also attend the burial of a  
25 time capsule in Independence Mall in Philadelphia,

1 Pennsylvania, under section 7(f)(1) of the United  
2 States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016  
3 (36 U.S.C. 101 note prec.); and

4 (2) install a plaque to provide such information  
5 about the Time Capsule as the Architect considers  
6 appropriate.

7 (d) UNSEALING.—The Time Capsule shall be sealed  
8 until July 4th, 2276, on which date the Speaker of the  
9 House of Representatives shall present the Time Capsule  
10 to the 244th Congress, and such Congress shall determine  
11 how the contents within should be preserved or used.

12 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
14 necessary to carry out this Act, and any amounts so ap-  
15 propriated shall remain available until expended.

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