



The Mars Society:
Bridenstine Nomination Initiative

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Welcome to Tonight's Call



Tonight's agenda:

1. Introduction to Hon. Jim Bridenstine -- Dr. Robert Zubrin
2. Contacting Congress
3. Questions & Answers

Dr. Robert Zubrin

President, The Mars Society



Dr. Zubrin founded the Mars Society in 1998 to advance the goal of sending humans to Mars. Along with David Baker, he created the “Mars Direct” plan which is widely recognized as the simplest and most realistic plan for an initial human mission. He is a prominent aerospace engineer with several patents, and has authored or co-written over a dozen books and over 200 scholarly papers.



The Mars Society Steering Committee voted recently to actively and publicly support Senate confirmation of Hon. Jim Bridenstine's appointment as the next NASA Administrator.

Hon. Jim Bridenstine

- Nominee for NASA Administrator
- Longtime strong space advocate
- Championed the Space Renaissance Act
- Currently U.S. Congressman for OK CD 1
- Former Naval aviator E-2C, F-18, MC-12
- Member of two congressional committees on space
- Secured funding for the FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation




Hon. Jim Bridenstine

Nominee for NASA Administrator

- Started in E-2C Hawkeyes
- Transitioned to F-18
- 333 carrier landings
- Served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan





Bridenstine's Space Renaissance Act: SEC. 203. HUMAN MISSION TO MARS.

(b) Sense Of Congress - The following is the sense of Congress:

(1) NASA should request budget levels, and Congress should continue to appropriate funds and carry out stringent oversight necessary to keep the Space Launch System and Orion capsule on track and on budget.

(2) Congress should prioritize funding within NASA to meet the budget requirements of sending American astronauts to Mars.

(3) NASA should utilize the Moon and cislunar space in order to accomplish the goal of sending American astronauts to Mars.

(4) NASA should utilize commercial assets, when practicable and available, to support exploration beyond Earth orbit, including to Mars.

(c) Mission To Mars - Until Americans land on Mars, NASA's main human spaceflight priority shall be to land Americans on Mars.

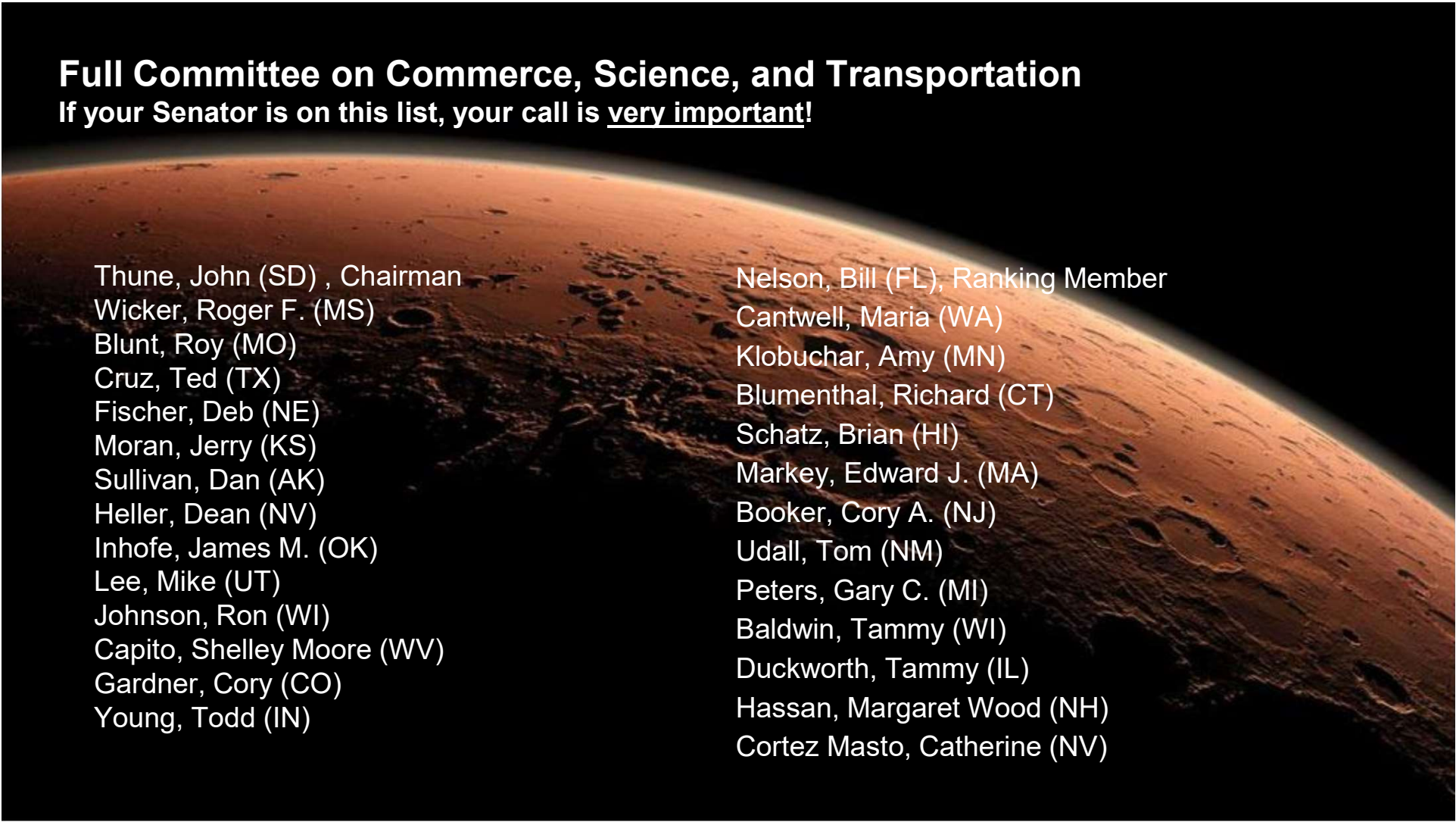


Contacting Congress

Space, Science & Competitiveness Subcommittee Members

If your Senator is on this list, your call is very important!

- Ted Cruz (Texas) - Chair
- Jerry Moran (Kansas)
- Dan Sullivan (Alaska)
- Mike Lee (Utah)
- Ron Johnson (Wisconsin)
- Shelley Moore Capito (West Virginia)
- Cory Gardner (Colorado)
- Edward J. Markey (Massachusetts) - Ranking Member
- Brian Schatz (Hawaii)
- Tom Udall (New Mexico)
- Gary Peters (Michigan)
- Tammy Baldwin (Wisconsin)
- Maggie Hassan (New Hampshire)



Full Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
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Thune, John (SD) , Chairman
Wicker, Roger F. (MS)
Blunt, Roy (MO)
Cruz, Ted (TX)
Fischer, Deb (NE)
Moran, Jerry (KS)
Sullivan, Dan (AK)
Heller, Dean (NV)
Inhofe, James M. (OK)
Lee, Mike (UT)
Johnson, Ron (WI)
Capito, Shelley Moore (WV)
Gardner, Cory (CO)
Young, Todd (IN)

Nelson, Bill (FL), Ranking Member
Cantwell, Maria (WA)
Klobuchar, Amy (MN)
Blumenthal, Richard (CT)
Schatz, Brian (HI)
Markey, Edward J. (MA)
Booker, Cory A. (NJ)
Udall, Tom (NM)
Peters, Gary C. (MI)
Baldwin, Tammy (WI)
Duckworth, Tammy (IL)
Hassan, Margaret Wood (NH)
Cortez Masto, Catherine (NV)

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- Go to callmycongress.com to learn just who your senators are. (Enter your ZIP code and your congressional delegation contact info appears)
- Ask for the Senator's legislative aide for space policy and explain that you'd like the Senator to vote for Bridenstine's confirmation.
- Call the Congressional (US House) member local district office and ask for a meeting; ask the US House member to convey their support for Bridenstine's confirmation to the state delegation's US Senators. (The US House does not vote on executive branch appointments.)
- Please report back using our Contact Congress form on telecon.marssociety.org - Let us know how your ideas were received and who you contacted so we can set priorities and focus efforts.

What to say to Senators and Congressmen:

Jim Bridenstine will be an effective NASA Administrator because:

1. He is committed having to a space program that is going somewhere.
2. He is knowledgeable about space and technology in general.
3. He has a good knowledge of congress and good relations with congress, so he will be effective in getting necessary funds.

I would also like to work with you and your staff over the longer term to implement Bridenstine's policy agenda for NASA expressed in the sense of the Congress resolution called the Space Renaissance Act with an eye to human Mars exploration within the next eight years.



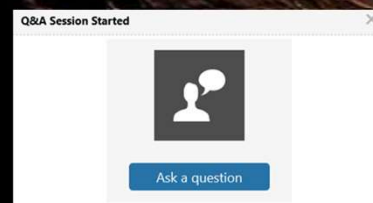
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Q & A Period

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Thank You

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See you on the next call: Nov 1st; same time.

Watch the website for schedule updates.