

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4143, with an Amendment

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

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4143

To amend the National Construction Safety Team Act to enable the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate structures other than buildings to inform the development of engineering standards, best practices, and building codes related to such structures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2023

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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Construction
3 Safety Team Enhancement Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TEAM EN-**
5 **HANCEMENT.**

6 The National Construction Safety Team Act is
7 amended—

8 (1) in section 2 (15 U.S.C. 7301)—

9 (A) in subsection (a)—

10 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
11 “buildings” and inserting “structure”; and

12 (ii) by inserting after the first sen-
13 tence the following new sentence: “In in-
14 stances in which the failure of the building
15 or structure is the proper subject for inves-
16 tigation by another Federal agency, the
17 Director shall defer to the authority of
18 such agency.”;

19 (B) in subsection (b)—

20 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
21 “buildings” and inserting “the built envi-
22 ronment”; and

23 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

24 (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-
25 serting “or structure” after “build-
26 ing”;

1 (II) in subparagraph (C), by
2 striking “building standards, codes,
3 and practices” and inserting “engi-
4 neering standards, practices, and
5 building codes”; and

6 (III) in subparagraph (D), by
7 striking “buildings” and inserting
8 “the built environment”; and

9 (C) in subsection (c)(1)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (G), by inserting
11 “or structure” after “building”; and

12 (ii) in subparagraph (J)—

13 (I) by inserting “or structure”
14 after “building”; and

15 (II) by inserting “or the National
16 Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of
17 2004” after “1977”;

18 (2) in section 4 (15 U.S.C. 7303)—

19 (A) by striking the term “building” each
20 place it appears; and

21 (B) by inserting “building or structure”
22 before “failure” each place it appears;

23 (3) in section 7 (15 U.S.C. 7306), by inserting
24 “or structure” after “building”;

25 (4) in section 8 (15 U.S.C. 7307)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or
2 structure” after “building”;

3 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “stand-
4 ards, codes, and practices” and inserting “engi-
5 neering standards, practices, and building
6 codes”; and

7 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and
8 structure” after “building”;

9 (5) in section 9(2) (15 U.S.C. 7308(2)), by
10 striking “building standards, codes, and practices”
11 each place it appears and inserting “engineering
12 standards, practices, and building codes”; and

13 (6) in section 14 (15 U.S.C. 7312), by striking
14 “building standards, codes, or practices” and insert-
15 ing “engineering standards, practices, and building
16 codes”.