

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3705

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## AN ACT

To provide for the creation of a congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Semiquincentennial  
3 Congressional Time Capsule Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL TIME CAP-  
5 SULE.**

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

11 (b) CONTENTS.—

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

20 (2) CONTENTS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The contents of the  
22 Time Capsule shall include—

23 (i) a single, joint letter from the of-  
24 fices described in paragraph (1); and

1 (ii) any other item that the offices de-  
2 scribed in paragraph (1) jointly determine  
3 appropriate.

4 (B) LIMITATIONS.—Any item included in  
5 the Time Capsule under subparagraph (A)—

6 (i) shall be made of materials that  
7 pose a low risk of degrading, such as metal  
8 or archival paper; and

9 (ii) shall not be made of any organic  
10 or inorganic material that poses a high  
11 risk of degrading.

21 (c) DUTIES OF ARCHITECT.—The Architect of the  
22 Capitol shall—

1       Committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-  
2       ate and the Committee on House Administration of  
3       the House of Representatives, on or before July 4th,  
4       2026, at a time which would permit individuals at-  
5       tending this event to also attend the burial of a time  
6       capsule in Independence Mall in Philadelphia, Penn-  
7       sylvania, under section 7(f)(1) of the United States  
8       Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (36  
9       U.S.C. 101 note prec.); and

10                   (2) install a plaque to provide such information  
11       about the Time Capsule as the Architect, with the  
12       approval of the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
13       tion of the Senate and the Committee on House Ad-  
14       ministration of the House of Representatives, con-  
15       siders appropriate.

16                   (d) UNSEALING.—The Time Capsule shall be sealed  
17       until July 4th, 2276, on which date the Speaker of the  
18       House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the  
19       Senate shall present the Time Capsule to the 244th Con-

1 gress, and such Congress shall determine how the contents  
2 within should be preserved or used.

Passed the Senate January 27, 2026.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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