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2D SESSION

H. R. 3845

To require the Administrator of NASA to assess the cost and schedule implications of extending science missions beyond planned mission lifetimes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAYSON 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assessing NASA
5 Science Mission Extensions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SCIENCE MISSION EXTENSIONS.**

7 Section 30504 of title 51, United States Code is
8 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 30504. Assessment of science mission extensions**

2 “(a) ASSESSMENT.—The Administrator shall carry
3 out biennial reviews within each of the Science divisions
4 to assess the cost and benefits of extending the date of
5 the termination of data collection for those missions that
6 have exceeded their planned mission lifetime. In con-
7 ducting these assessments, the Administrator shall con-
8 sider—

9 “(1) the potential continued benefit of instru-
10 ments on missions that are beyond their planned
11 mission lifetime; and

12 “(2) the cost and schedule impacts, if any, of
13 mission extension on other NASA activities and
14 science missions.

15 “(b) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—When decid-
16 ing whether to extend science missions with an operational
17 component, the Administrator shall consult with the Na-
18 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and any
19 other affected Federal agency.”.

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