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Although, [H.R. 5325](#), the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010*, received bipartisan support of the majority of Members present, it failed to garner the two-thirds required for bills considered as a suspension, according to a media release from the House Committee on Science and Technology.

Despite the outcome, Gordon is committed to getting the legislation back to the floor.

"I'm disappointed, but not deterred," said Gordon, in the media release. "As I've said before, this bill is too important to let fall by the way-side. More than half of our economic growth since World War II can be directly attributed to development and adoption of new technologies. The path is simple: research leads to innovation; innovation leads to economic development and good paying jobs. Creating good jobs is the goal of this bill, and it is what our country needs right now."

Speaking at the NBIA conference in Florida, AURP President Brian Darmody addressed the importance of the *America COMPETES Act*:

"The Power of Innovation in the United States can only be fully realized with the right set of funding priorities and policies. *The America COMPETES Act* is a critical link in maintaining U.S. dominance in innovation and R&D funding. Now is not the time to go backwards on the progress we are beginning to see in restoring U.S. technological competitiveness."

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