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HR 3333

Declaration of Official Language Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform. (Mar 6, 2002)

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Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO	Nov 16, 2001
Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]	R · KS	Nov 29, 2001
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Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10]	$R \cdot NC$	Feb 7, 2002
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Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-4]	$R \cdot IN$	Feb 27, 2002
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	$R \cdot SC$	Mar 20, 2002
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-45]	$R \cdot CA$	Apr 10, 2002
Rep. Kerns, Brian D. [R-IN-7]	$R \cdot IN$	Apr 16, 2002
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	$R \cdot NJ$	Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	$R \cdot PA$	May 8, 2002
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	$R \cdot SC$	May 22, 2002
Rep. Bilirakis, Michael [R-FL-9]	$R \cdot FL$	Jun 6, 2002
Rep. Hilleary, Van [R-TN-4]	$R \cdot TN$	Jul 10, 2002
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	$R \cdot IL$	Jul 10, 2002
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	$R \cdot VA$	Sep 25, 2002
Rep. Riley, Bob [R-AL-3]	$R \cdot AL$	Oct 3, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 27, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 16, 2001)

Declaration of Official Language Act of 2001 - Declares English to be the official language of the U.S. Government, and requires the U.S. Government to preserve and enhance the role of English as the official language of the U.S.A.

Makes this Act inapplicable to the use of a language other than English for: (1) religious purposes; (2) for training in foreign languages for international communication; (3) terms of art in Government documents; (4) law enforcement; or (5) scientific terminology. Declares that this Act is not intended to affect programs in schools designed to encourage students to learn foreign languages.

Directs the Immigration and Naturalization Service to: (1) enforce the established English language proficiency standard for all applicants for U.S. citizenship; and (2) conduct all naturalization ceremonies entirely in English.

Prohibits any U.S. Government agency or department from requiring any State or local government, or any person or organization, to communicate or provide materials in any language other than English.

Repeals the Bilingual Education Act (title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965). Terminates the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs in the Department of Education. Releases States, local governments, and local educational agencies from certain consent decrees that require them to develop, implement, provide, or maintain any form of bilingual education.

Amends the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to repeal bilingual voting requirements.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 6, 2002: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- Nov 27, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Nov 16, 2001: Introduced in House
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