

HR 173

Blind Empowerment Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security. (Jan 23, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. [R-NY-26]

Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2003
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Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Feb 5, 2003
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Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Feb 5, 2003
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Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 5, 2003
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Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Lewis, Jerry [R-CA-41]	R · CA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Nussle, Jim [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Quinn, Jack [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2003

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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 5, 2003
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Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2003
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Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Feb 11, 2003
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Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Feb 11, 2003
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Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Deutsch, Peter [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 6, 2003

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Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Janklow, William J. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	R · NY		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Fossella, Vito [R-NY-13]	R · NY		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Mar 20, 2003
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Dunn, Jennifer [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Ney, Robert W. [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Northup, Anne M. [R-KY-3]	R · KY		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Apr 10, 2003

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Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Apr 10, 2003
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Apr 10, 2003
Rep. Pryce, Deborah [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Apr 10, 2003
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Apr 10, 2003
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 7, 2003
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		May 7, 2003
Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R · LA		May 7, 2003
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		May 19, 2003
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Ryan, Timothy J. [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Jul 8, 2003
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 24, 2003
Rep. Burns, Max [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jul 25, 2003
Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jul 25, 2003
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 25, 2003
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Sep 25, 2003
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Nov 20, 2003
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Istook, Ernest J., Jr. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	R · IA		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 4, 2004
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Feb 11, 2004
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 11, 2004
Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Feb 11, 2004
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		Feb 11, 2004
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 24, 2004

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Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		Feb 24, 2004
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Feb 24, 2004
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 24, 2004
Rep. Boehlert, Sherwood [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Mar 4, 2004
Rep. Gephardt, Richard A. [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Mar 4, 2004
Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 4, 2004
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Mar 11, 2004
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 11, 2004
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Mar 11, 2004
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Mar 18, 2004
Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Mar 25, 2004
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [D-LA-5]	D · LA		Apr 1, 2004
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Jun 24, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 23, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 750	Identical bill	Apr 1, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4632)

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Blind Empowerment Act of 2003 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act to increase, by specified increments over five years, the level of earnings demonstrating the ability of a blind person to engage in substantial gainful activity for purposes of determining disability insurance benefit payments.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 23, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
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