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HR 2047

Encouraging Work Act of 2003 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Houghton, Amo [R-NY-29]

Party: Republican • State: NY • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	$D \cdot NY$		May 9, 2003
Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	$R \cdot KY$		May 13, 2003
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	$R \cdot PA$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	$D \cdot TX$		May 15, 2003
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	$D \cdot NY$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	$D \cdot TX$		May 22, 2003
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	$D \cdot NY$		Jun 3, 2003
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	$D\cdotMA$		Jun 12, 2003
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 12, 2003
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	$R \cdot MN$		Jun 12, 2003
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	$R \cdot MO$		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	$R \cdot MI$		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	$D\cdotMD$		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	$R \cdot FL$		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	$R \cdot GA$		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	$D\cdotGA$		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	$D\cdotND$		Jun 26, 2003
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	$D\cdotMI$		Jul 8, 2003
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 14, 2003
Rep. Hayworth, J. D. [R-AZ-5]	$R \cdot AZ$		Jul 14, 2003
Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jul 14, 2003
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	$R \cdot PA$		Sep 3, 2003
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	$R \cdot TN$		Sep 9, 2003
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	$D\cdotMD$		Sep 16, 2003
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	$R \cdot TX$		Sep 23, 2003
Rep. Johnson, Nancy L. [R-CT-5]	$R \cdot CT$		Sep 23, 2003
Rep. Davis, Jim [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Sep 25, 2003
Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11]	$R \cdot IL$		Sep 30, 2003
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Oct 17, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 9, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1180	Identical bill	Mar 23, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2981-2982)

Encouraging Work Act of 2003 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to make the work opportunity credit permanent. Modifies such credit by: (1) repealing the requirement that a "qualified ex-felon" be a member of a low-income (as specified) family; (2) increasing the maximum age for eligibility of food stamp recipients to 40 years; (3) redefining the term "vocational rehabilitation referral"; (4) adding "long-term family assistance recipients" (as defined) to the definition of "targeted groups"; and (5) increasing the maximum allowable credit for employment of long-term family assistance recipients.

Repeals the separate welfare-to-work credit.

Actions Timeline

- May 9, 2003: Introduced in House
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