

HR 235

Houses of Worship Free Speech Restoration Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Jan 8, 2003

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6537-6538)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6537-6538) (Jul 21, 2004)

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

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| Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11] | R · VA | | Mar 18, 2003 |
| Rep. Janklow, William J. [R-SD-At Large] | R · SD | | Mar 18, 2003 |
| Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8] | R · TX | | Mar 20, 2003 |
| Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26] | R · TX | | Mar 20, 2003 |
| Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21] | R · FL | | Mar 20, 2003 |
| Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24] | R · FL | | Mar 20, 2003 |
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| Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6] | R · VA | | Mar 20, 2003 |
| Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2] | R · CA | | Mar 20, 2003 |
| Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16] | R · IL | | Mar 20, 2003 |
| Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11] | R · IL | | Mar 20, 2003 |
| Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3] | R · SC | | Mar 26, 2003 |
| Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1] | R · AZ | | Mar 26, 2003 |
| Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6] | R · CO | | Mar 26, 2003 |
| Rep. Toomey, Patrick J. [R-PA-15] | R · PA | | Mar 26, 2003 |
| Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6] | R · TX | | Apr 7, 2003 |
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| Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4] | R · OK | | Apr 7, 2003 |
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| Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1] | R · ID | | Apr 7, 2003 |

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| Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1] | R · OH | | Apr 11, 2003 |
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| Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large] | R · WY | | Apr 11, 2003 |
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| Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3] | R · PA | | Apr 11, 2003 |
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| Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4] | R · VA | | Apr 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3] | R · TX | | Apr 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1] | R · GA | | Apr 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Nethercutt, George R., Jr. [R-WA-5] | R · WA | | Apr 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Schrock, Edward L. [R-VA-2] | R · VA | | Apr 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3] | R · AZ | | Apr 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Taylor, Charles H. [R-NC-11] | R · NC | | Apr 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13] | R · TX | | Apr 11, 2003 |
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| Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25] | R · NY | | Apr 11, 2003 |
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| Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7] | R · CO | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. Bilirakis, Michael [R-FL-9] | R · FL | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5] | R · NJ | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6] | R · MO | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. Keller, Ric [R-FL-8] | R · FL | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11] | R · MI | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. [R-NY-26] | R · NY | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6] | R · NC | | May 9, 2003 |
| Rep. McInnis, Scott [R-CO-3] | R · CO | | May 9, 2003 |
| Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5] | R · PA | | May 9, 2003 |
| Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46] | R · CA | | May 9, 2003 |
| Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2] | R · ID | | May 9, 2003 |
| Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2] | R · NE | | May 9, 2003 |
| Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large] | R · AK | | May 9, 2003 |
| Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4] | R · MI | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25] | R · FL | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Harris, Katherine [R-FL-13] | R · FL | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52] | R · CA | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49] | R · CA | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Nussle, Jim [R-IA-1] | R · IA | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large] | R · MT | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3] | R · AL | | May 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ-6] | R · AZ | | May 22, 2003 |

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| Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8] | R · MI | | May 22, 2003 |
| Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7] | R · PA | | May 22, 2003 |
| Rep. Collins, Mac [R-GA-8] | R · GA | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Rep. Crane, Philip M. [R-IL-8] | R · IL | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5] | R · TX | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Rep. McCrery, Jim [R-LA-4] | R · LA | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4] | R · CO | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3] | R · MN | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Rep. Shaw, E. Clay, Jr. [R-FL-22] | R · FL | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Rep. Bonilla, Henry [R-TX-23] | R · TX | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5] | R · FL | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Rep. Cunningham, Randy (Duke) [R-CA-50] | R · CA | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Rep. Dunn, Jennifer [R-WA-8] | R · WA | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12] | R · TX | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4] | R · OH | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Rep. Pombo, Richard W. [R-CA-11] | R · CA | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1] | R · AL | | Jun 19, 2003 |
| Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7] | R · TX | | Jun 19, 2003 |
| Rep. Everett, Terry [R-AL-2] | R · AL | | Jun 19, 2003 |
| Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24] | R · CA | | Jun 19, 2003 |
| Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25] | R · CA | | Jun 19, 2003 |
| Rep. Northup, Anne M. [R-KY-3] | R · KY | | Jun 19, 2003 |
| Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3] | R · NJ | | Jun 19, 2003 |
| Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4] | R · FL | | Jun 25, 2003 |
| Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4] | R · WA | | Jun 25, 2003 |
| Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6] | R · GA | | Jun 25, 2003 |
| Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1] | R · WI | | Jun 25, 2003 |
| Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7] | R · TN | | Jul 14, 2003 |
| Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2] | R · MN | | Jul 14, 2003 |
| Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3] | R · AR | | Jul 25, 2003 |
| Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23] | R · NY | | Jul 25, 2003 |
| Rep. Tiahrt, Todd [R-KS-4] | R · KS | | Jul 25, 2003 |
| Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3] | D · WV | | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3] | R · OH | | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4] | R · IA | | Oct 7, 2003 |
| Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7] | D · MN | | Oct 7, 2003 |
| Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1] | R · UT | | Oct 15, 2003 |
| Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3] | R · TN | | Nov 7, 2003 |
| Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5] | R · LA | | Nov 20, 2004 |
| Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5] | R · KY | | Nov 20, 2004 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 8, 2003 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2003)

Houses of Worship Free Speech Restoration Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to state that churches and other houses of worship shall not lose such designation because of the content, preparation, or presentation of any homily, sermon, teaching, dialectic, or other presentation made during religious services or gatherings. States that such provision shall not affect campaign finance laws under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6537)
- **Jul 21, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6537-6538)
- **Jul 8, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5385-5386)
- **Jun 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4733-4734)
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4618-4619)
- **Jun 15, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4144)
- **Jan 8, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Jan 8, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.