

S 3828

National Language Act of 2006

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	R · KY		Sep 5, 2006
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 7, 2006
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 29, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 4, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4408	Identical bill	Mar 27, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

Summary (as of Aug 3, 2006)

National Language Act of 2006 - Makes English the official language of the U.S. government. Requires the government to: (1) conduct its official business in English, including publications, income tax forms, and informational materials; and (2) preserve and enhance the role of English as the official language of the United States of America. Provides that no person has a right, entitlement, or claim to have the government act, communicate, perform, or provide services or materials in any other language, unless specifically stated in applicable law.

Provides that this Act shall not apply to the use of a language other than English for religious purposes, for training in foreign languages for international communication, or in school programs designed to encourage students to learn foreign languages. States that this does not prevent the U.S. government from providing interpreters for persons over age 62.

Repeals provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 regarding bilingual election requirements and regarding congressional findings of voting discrimination against language minorities, prohibition of English-only elections, and other remedial measures.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require that all public ceremonies in which the oath of allegiance is administered pursuant to such Act be conducted solely in English.

Specifies that this Act shall not preempt any state law.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 3, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8845-8846)
- **Aug 3, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.