

HR 5985

Empowering America Act of 2006

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Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (Aug 16, 2006)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2006
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2006
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 16, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Empowering America Act of 2006 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase and extend through 2015: (1) the tax credit for residential energy efficient property; (2) the tax credit for nonbusiness energy property; and (3) the tax deduction for energy efficient commercial buildings. Extends through 2015 the energy tax credit for equipment which uses solar energy.

Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to extend through FY2015 funding of energy efficient appliance rebate programs.

Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to require that states, counties, and Indian tribes which receive community development block grants limit the cost of permits or licenses for the construction or installation of solar energy systems in residential and nonresidential structures.

Directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to issue regulations to prohibit restrictions on the installation, construction, maintenance, or use of a solar energy system in a single family residence.

Directs the Secretary of Energy to: (1) study the effectiveness of the conservation and energy efficiency tax incentives enacted by the Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005 and report to Congress on such study; and (2) establish a Center for Advanced Solar Research and Development.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 16, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Aug 1, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .
- **Jul 28, 2006:** Introduced in House
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