

HR 997

English Language Unity Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2948-2949) (May 19, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]

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

Cosponsors (164 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Boehner, John A. [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Mar 1, 2005
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Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Gutknecht, Gil [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Istook, Ernest J., Jr. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Jenkins, William L. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Knollenberg, Joe [R-MI-9]	R · MI		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Ney, Robert W. [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 1, 2005

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Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]	R · CA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Taylor, Charles H. [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]	D · MS		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Mar 2, 2005
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Mar 2, 2005
Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Mar 2, 2005
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Portman, Rob [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Mar 9, 2005
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Mar 9, 2005
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Mar 9, 2005
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2005
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Mar 15, 2005
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2005
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Mar 15, 2005
Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Mar 15, 2005
Rep. Davis, Geoff [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Mar 17, 2005
Rep. Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]	R · CA		Mar 17, 2005
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3]	R · OH		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Bilirakis, Michael [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Apr 6, 2005
Rep. Hayworth, J. D. [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Apr 6, 2005
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Apr 12, 2005

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Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Apr 14, 2005
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Apr 21, 2005
Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Apr 21, 2005
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Linder, John [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Hoekstra, Peter [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Apr 27, 2005
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2005
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Apr 28, 2005
Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	R · SC		May 3, 2005
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 3, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 3, 2005
Rep. Deal, Nathan [R-GA-10]	R · GA		May 3, 2005
Rep. McCrery, Jim [R-LA-4]	R · LA		May 3, 2005
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		May 5, 2005
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		May 5, 2005
Rep. Tiahrt, Todd [R-KS-4]	R · KS		May 5, 2005
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		May 10, 2005
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		May 10, 2005
Rep. Weldon, Dave [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 10, 2005
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		May 12, 2005
Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]	R · CO		May 12, 2005
Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	R · OH		May 12, 2005
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		May 12, 2005
Rep. Sodrel, Michael E. [R-IN-9]	R · IN		May 12, 2005
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		May 12, 2005
Rep. Inglis, Bob [R-SC-4]	R · SC		May 19, 2005
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		May 19, 2005
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		May 25, 2005
Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	R · NY		May 25, 2005
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		May 26, 2005
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		May 26, 2005
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jun 7, 2005
Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		Jun 8, 2005
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		Jun 16, 2005
Rep. McMorris, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jun 17, 2005
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jun 17, 2005
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jun 22, 2005
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jun 28, 2005

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Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Hefley, Joel [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jul 14, 2005
Rep. Pombo, Richard W. [R-CA-11]	R · CA		Jul 25, 2005
Rep. Regula, Ralph [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jul 25, 2005
Rep. Nussle, Jim [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Hulshof, Kenny C. [R-MO-9]	R · MO		Sep 8, 2005
Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]	R · AZ		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Chocola, Chris [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-19]	R · IL		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Sep 21, 2005
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Sep 27, 2005
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Nov 3, 2005
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Nov 3, 2005
Rep. Schmidt, Jean [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Nov 17, 2005
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Nov 18, 2005
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Dec 6, 2005
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Campbell, John [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Dec 16, 2005
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Feb 8, 2006
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Feb 8, 2006
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Drake, Thelma D. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Johnson, Nancy L. [R-CT-5]	R · CT		May 9, 2006
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		May 10, 2006
Rep. Kennedy, Mark R. [R-MN-6]	R · MN		May 19, 2006
Rep. Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 19, 2006
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		May 24, 2006
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 24, 2006
Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1]	R · ID		May 24, 2006
Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11]	R · IL		May 24, 2006
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		May 25, 2006
Rep. Schwarz, John J.H. "Joe" [R-MI-7]	R · MI		May 25, 2006
Rep. Everett, Terry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Jun 6, 2006
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Jun 6, 2006
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jun 15, 2006
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Sep 12, 2006
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Sep 19, 2006
Rep. Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Sep 20, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

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

Summary (as of Mar 1, 2005)

English Language Unity Act of 2005 - Declares English to be the official language of the United States. Establishes the affirmative obligation of the representatives of the Federal Government to preserve and enhance the role of the English language as the Government's official language. Requires the official functions of the Government to be conducted in English. Requires: (1) a uniform English language testing standard for U.S. naturalization; and (2) all naturalization ceremonies to be conducted in English. Sets forth exceptions to, and rules of construction for, such requirements.

Authorizes persons injured by violations of this Act to obtain appropriate relief in civil actions.

Declares, as a general rule of construction, that English language requirements and workplace policies, whether in the public or private sector, shall be presumptively consistent with the laws of the United States.

Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue for public notice and comment a proposed rule for uniform testing of the English language ability of candidates for naturalization based upon the principles that: (1) all citizens should be able to read and understand generally the English language text of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Laws of the United States; and (2) any exceptions to this standard should be limited to extraordinary circumstances, such as asylum.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2948-2949)
- **Apr 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Mar 24, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- **Mar 3, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E355)
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 1, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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