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S 2715

National Language Act of 2008 Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Mar 5, 2008

Current Status: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 600. Latest Action: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 600.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]

Party: Republican • State: OK • Chamber: Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	$R \cdot TN$		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	$R \cdot NC$		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	$R \cdot GA$		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	$R \cdot OK$		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	$R \cdot SC$		Mar 31, 2008
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Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	$R \cdot AL$		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	$R \cdot LA$		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	$R \cdot KY$		Apr 3, 2008
Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]	$R \cdot NC$		Apr 3, 2008
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Apr 23, 2008
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	$R \cdot TN$		Jun 12, 2008

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5759	Related bill	Apr 10, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2008)

National Language Act of 2008 - Requires: (1) English to be the national language of the federal government; and (2) the federal government to preserve and enhance the role of English as the national language.

Provides that no person has a right, entitlement, or claim to have the federal government act, communicate, perform or provide services, or provide materials in any language other than English, unless specifically provided by statute.

Makes the English language version of a government form issued in a language other than English the sole authority for legal purposes.

Declares that this Act does not prohibit the use of a language other than English.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 6, 2008: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 600.
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