

HR 997

English Language Unity Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. (Jun 5, 2007)

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Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jun 11, 2007
Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11]	R · IL		Jun 11, 2007
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Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3]	R · OH		Jul 18, 2007
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Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Sep 18, 2007
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Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Sep 18, 2007
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Sep 18, 2007
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Sep 27, 2007
Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Oct 4, 2007
Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Oct 10, 2007

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Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Nov 1, 2007
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Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Dec 19, 2007
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Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Dec 19, 2007
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Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jul 14, 2008
Rep. Porter, Jon C. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Jul 14, 2008
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Oct 3, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 5, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

English Language Unity Act of 2007 - Amends federal to declare English to be the official language of the United States.

Requires: (1) official functions of the United States (meaning in this case the states and the District of Columbia) to be conducted in English; and (2) a uniform English language rule for U.S. naturalization, and all naturalization ceremonies to be conducted in English. Sets forth exceptions to and rules of construction for such requirements.

Declares 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 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

- **Jun 5, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 12, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.