

## HR 1588

Common Sense English Act

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred to | May 14, 2009 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Mar 18, 2009)

Common Sense English Act - Amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to declare that, notwithstanding any other equal employment opportunity provisions of the Act, it is not an unlawful employment practice for an employer to require employees to speak English while engaged in work.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Mar 18, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.