

## HR 4862

To permit Members of Congress to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants for naturalization, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Mar 16, 2010

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 16, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (142 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
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Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
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Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Mar 19, 2010
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Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Bono Mack, Mary [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Mar 19, 2010
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Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Cao, Anh "Joseph" [R-LA-2]	R · LA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Davis, Geoff [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-8]	D · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Mar 19, 2010

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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Mack, Connie [R-FL-14]	R · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Maffei, Daniel B. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Owens, William L. [D-NY-23]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010

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Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-19]	R · IL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]	D · MS		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Mar 19, 2010
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Mar 19, 2010
Rep. Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]	D · NY		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Delahunt, Bill [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-17]	D · TX		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Mar 20, 2010

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Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Hill, Baron P. [D-IN-9]	D · IN		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Murphy, Scott [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 20, 2010
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Mar 20, 2010
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 23, 2010
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Mar 23, 2010
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Apr 14, 2010
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Sep 14, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 26, 2010
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 16, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit each applicant for naturalization to choose to have the oath of allegiance for naturalization administered by a Member of Congress, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner (Member).

Limits the administration of the oath: (1) by a Senator to individuals who reside in the Senator's state; and (2) by a Member of the House of Representatives, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to individuals who reside in the respective congressional district.

Limits the Member's authority solely to the administration of such oath.

Prohibits a Member from administering the oath during the 90-day period before any election for federal, state, or local office in which the Member is a candidate.

Requires a Member to administer the oath only at times and places designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Prohibits a Member from administering the oath during any period in which exclusive authority to administer it may be exercised by an eligible court for the person concerned, unless the court has waived such exclusive authority.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 16, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 15, 2010:** Mr. Cohen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 15, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6729-6731)
- **Sep 15, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4862.
- **Sep 15, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6729-6730)
- **Sep 15, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6729-6730)
- **Sep 15, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 26, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Mar 16, 2010:** Introduced in House
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