

HR 1164

National Language Act of 2011

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Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Sep 21, 2011
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Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Nov 4, 2011
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Nov 15, 2011
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Nov 16, 2011
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Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Nov 17, 2011
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Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Nov 29, 2011
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Nov 29, 2011
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Nov 30, 2011
Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Feb 27, 2012
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Mar 5, 2012
Rep. Berg, Rick [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 20, 2012
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Mar 20, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 17, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2011)

National Language Act of 2011 - Makes English the official language of the U.S. government. Requires the government to: (1) conduct its official business in English, including publications, income tax forms, and informational materials; and (2) preserve and enhance the role of English as the official language of the United States. Provides that no person has a right, entitlement, or claim to have the government act, communicate, perform, or provide services or materials in any other language, unless specifically stated in applicable law.

Provides that this Act is inapplicable to the use of a language other than English for religious purposes, for training in foreign languages for international communication, or in school programs designed to encourage students to learn foreign languages. Allows the U.S. government to provide interpreters for persons over age 62.

Repeals provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 regarding bilingual election requirements and regarding congressional findings of voting discrimination against language minorities, prohibition of English-only elections, and other remedial measures.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require that all public ceremonies in which the oath of allegiance is administered pursuant to such Act be conducted solely in English.

Prohibits this Act from preempting any state law.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2011:** 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.