

HR 2417

Better Use of Light Bulbs Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (36 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jul 6, 2011
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Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jul 6, 2011
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Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3]	R · OH		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Broun, Paul C. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Mack, Connie [R-FL-14]	R · FL		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jul 11, 2011
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jul 11, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 6, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 395	Related bill	Mar 10, 2011: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
112 HR 91	Related bill	Feb 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

Summary (as of Jul 6, 2011)

Better Use of Light Bulbs Act - Repeals provisions of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 concerning lighting energy efficiency, including provisions amending the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), that: (1) prescribe energy efficiency standards for general service incandescent lamps, rough service lamps, and other designated lamps; (2) direct the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to conduct and report to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on an annual assessment of the market for general service lamps and compact fluorescent lamps; (3) direct the Secretary to carry out a proactive national program of consumer awareness, information, and education about lamp labels and energy-efficient lighting choices; (4) prohibit a manufacturer, distributor, retailer, or private labeler from distributing in commerce specified adapters for incandescent lamps; (5) authorize the Secretary to carry out a lighting technology research and development program; and (6) set forth minimum energy efficiency standards for incandescent reflector lamps. Provides that EPCA shall be applied and administered as if such provisions had not been enacted.

Provides that: (1) no federal, state, or local requirement or standard regarding energy efficient lighting shall be effective to the extent that the requirement or standard can be satisfied only by installing or using lamps containing mercury; and (2) no state or local regulation concerning the energy efficiency or energy use of medium screw base general service incandescent lamps shall be effective.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 12, 2011:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4926)
- **Jul 12, 2011:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 233 - 193, 1 Present (Roll no. 563).
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- **Jul 12, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 11, 2011:** Mr. Barton (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 11, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4822-4830; text of measure as introduced: CR H4822)
- **Jul 11, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2417.
- **Jul 11, 2011:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 6, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 6, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Jul 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.