

HJRES 88

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any state, the United States, or any foreign state.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jan 19, 2012
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Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 14, 2012
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Rep. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 6, 2012
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Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Apr 17, 2012
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 24, 2012
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 19, 2012
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Sep 11, 2012
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Dec 3, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 15, 2011)

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that: (1) the rights protected by the Constitution are intended to be the rights of natural persons; and (2) the words "people," "person," or "citizen" as used in the Constitution do not include corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities established by the laws of any state, the United States, or any foreign state, and that such corporate entities are subject to such regulation as the people, through their elected state and federal representatives, deem reasonable and are otherwise consistent with the powers of Congress and the states.

Prohibits this Amendment from limiting the rights of freedom of speech, the press, exercise of religion, association, and all such other inalienable rights of the people.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 2, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Nov 15, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 15, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.