

## HJRES 90

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to expressly exclude for-profit corporations from the rights given to natural persons by the Constitution of the United States, prohibit corporate spending in all elections, and affirm the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations and to regulate and set limits on all election contributions and expenditures.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Dec 2, 2011)

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## 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

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 SJRES 33	Identical bill	Dec 8, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Nov 18, 2011)

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that the rights protected by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons and do not extend to for-profit corporations, limited liability companies, or other private entities established for business purposes or to promote business interests under the laws of any state, the United States, or any foreign state.

Declares that such corporate and other private entities are subject to regulation by the people through the legislative process so long as such regulations are consistent with the powers of Congress and the states and do not limit the freedom of the press.

Prohibits such corporate and other private entities from making contributions or expenditures in any election of any candidate for public office or the vote upon any ballot measure submitted to the people.

Grants Congress and the states the power to regulate and set limits on all election contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own spending, and to authorize the establishment of political committees to receive, spend, and publicly disclose the sources of those contributions and expenditures.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 2, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.