

HR 997

English Language Unity Act of 2011

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Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 10, 2011
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Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Mar 10, 2011
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Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 10, 2011

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Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Mar 10, 2011
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Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Mar 15, 2011
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Mar 15, 2011
Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Mar 31, 2011
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Mar 31, 2011
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 31, 2011
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Mar 31, 2011
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Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Mar 31, 2011
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Mar 31, 2011
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Mar 31, 2011
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Mar 31, 2011
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-52]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2011
Rep. Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		May 4, 2011
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		May 4, 2011
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		May 4, 2011
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		May 4, 2011
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		May 4, 2011
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Rep. Scott, Tim [R-SC-1]	R · SC		May 4, 2011
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		May 4, 2011
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		May 4, 2011
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		May 12, 2011

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Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		May 12, 2011
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		May 12, 2011
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jun 13, 2011
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jun 13, 2011
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Jun 13, 2011
Rep. Nunnelee, Alan [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jun 13, 2011
Rep. Young, C. W. Bill [R-FL-10]	R · FL		Jun 13, 2011
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jun 15, 2011
Rep. Nugent, Richard B. [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Jun 15, 2011
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Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jul 12, 2011
Rep. Schmidt, Jean [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Aug 1, 2011
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 7, 2011
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 21, 2011
Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA		Sep 29, 2011
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Oct 5, 2011
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Dec 2, 2011
Rep. Huelskamp, Tim [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Mar 21, 2012
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Mar 21, 2012
Rep. Quayle, Benjamin [R-AZ-3]	R · AZ		Mar 29, 2012
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Apr 19, 2012
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		May 30, 2012
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Jun 5, 2012
Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Jun 7, 2012
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jun 27, 2012
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		Jun 27, 2012
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Jul 9, 2012
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jul 13, 2012
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Jul 23, 2012
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jul 31, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 10, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Aug 2, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 503	Identical bill	Mar 8, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2011)

English Language Unity Act of 2011- Makes English the official language of the United States.

Requires, subject to exceptions and rules of construction, that: (1) official functions of the United States be conducted in English; and (2) all naturalization ceremonies be conducted in English. Establishes a uniform English language rule for naturalization.

Makes English language requirements and workplace policies, whether in the public or private sector, presumptively consistent with the laws of the United States.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue for public notice and comment a proposed rule for uniform testing of English language ability of candidates for naturalization based upon the principles that: (1) all citizens should be able to read and understand generally the English language text of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the laws of the United States; and (2) any exceptions to this standard should be limited to extraordinary circumstances, such as asylum.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2012:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 21, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Mar 10, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 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.