

HR 2711

Citizen Empowerment Act

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jul 17, 2013

Current Status: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 322, H.R. 2711 is laid on the table.

Latest Action: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 322, H.R. 2711 is laid on the table. (Aug 1, 2013)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jul 17, 2013
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 22, 2013
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jul 22, 2013
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Jul 30, 2013
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jul 30, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 30, 2013
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 30, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HRES 322	Procedurally related	Aug 1, 2013: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
113 S 1377	Identical bill	Jul 25, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Citizen Empowerment Act - States that the purpose of this Act is to ensure that individuals have the right to record in-person and telephonic interactions with executive agency employees and that they are notified of such right when they are the target of an enforcement action (e.g., audit, investigation, inspection, or action that could result in criminal or civil fines or the collection of unpaid tax).

Provides that participation by an employee, acting in an official capacity, in an in-person or telephonic interaction shall constitute consent by such employee to a recording of that interaction by any participant in the interaction.

Requires written notice to an individual or a representative of the right to record conversations involving an enforcement action.

Makes any employee who violates the requirements of this Act subject to disciplinary action.

Requires: (1) each executive agency to post on its website information explaining the right of individuals to record interactions with employees, and (2) the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to executive agencies on implementation of the requirement to provide such information.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2013:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 322, H.R. 2711 is laid on the table.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5188-5193; text of measure as reported in House: CR H5188)
- **Jul 31, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2711.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** 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 30, 2013:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Discharged.
- **Jul 30, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 113-184, Part I.
- **Jul 30, 2013:** Committee on Judiciary discharged.
- **Jul 30, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 132.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 18, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jul 17, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 17, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.