

HR 153

To restore the Free Speech and First Amendment rights of churches and exempt organizations by repealing the 1954 Johnson Amendment.

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Introduced: Jan 6, 2015

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Jan 6, 2015)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/153>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 21, 2015
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-10]	R · FL		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Nov 17, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 6, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 6, 2015)

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the prohibition against churches and other tax-exempt organizations participating in political campaigns or supporting or opposing candidates for public office. Provides that this repeal shall not invalidate or limit any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
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