

HJRES 23

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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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Feb 2, 2015)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 SJRES 7	Related bill	Feb 4, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 21, 2015)

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 unalienable rights of the people.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 21, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.