

HR 3777

America First Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 26, 2015
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2015
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2016
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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 23, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 2, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill increases discretionary spending limits, repeals sequestration for direct spending, and includes offsets that change direct spending programs and tax provisions.

The bill amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase the discretionary spending limits for FY2016-FY2025 and to eliminate the sequestration for direct spending that is required under current law.

The bill permanently extends two expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit, limits tax deductions for high-income individuals, and repeals the medical device tax included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

In the health care area, the bill expands means-testing for Medicare, changes certain Medicare cost-sharing requirements and benefits, reduces the Medicaid provider tax threshold, and changes procedures for medical malpractice cases.

The bill changes the measure of inflation that is used for tax provisions and benefits under spending programs such as Social Security to the Chained Consumer Price Index. It also indexes several user fees for inflation, including customs user fees and Transportation Security Administration fees.

The bill decreases the dividend payment that the Federal Reserve pays on stocks held by member banks to participate in the Federal Reserve System.

Federal Employees Retirement System contributions are increased for some current federal employees.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended to consolidate and make several changes to income-based student loan repayment programs.

The Federal Crop Insurance Act is amended to reduce federal payments for crop insurance premium subsidies.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Nov 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security.
- **Oct 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management.
- **Oct 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 21, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, Homeland Security, Financial Services, and Agriculture, 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.