

HR 172

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

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Introduced: Jan 3, 2017

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

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Jan 3, 2017)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jan 11, 2017
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jun 7, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2017)

This bill 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. The bill specifies that provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 are not invalidated or limited by the repeal.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
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