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The Free Speech Fairness Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Taxation

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 1, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Feb 1, 2017
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Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 9, 2017
Sen. Strange, Luther [R-AL]	R · AL		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 1, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 88	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate amendment.
115 HR 1	Related bill	Dec 22, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-97.
115 HR 781	Identical bill	Feb 1, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Free Speech Fairness Act

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to permit a tax-exempt organization to make certain statements related to a political campaign without losing its tax-exempt status. An organization may not lose its tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) or be deemed to have participated in, or intervened in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office, solely because of the content of any statement that: (1) is made in the ordinary course of the organization's regular and customary activities in carrying out its exempt purpose, and (2) results in the organization incurring not more than de minimis incremental expenses.

Actions Timeline

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