

HJRES 88

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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Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2017
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 SJRES 20	Related bill	Feb 3, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2017)

Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment declaring that: (1) the rights protected by the Constitution are intended to be the rights of natural persons; (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 (3) 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.

Nothing in the amendment shall be construed to limit the rights of freedom of speech, the press, exercise of religion, association, and all such other unalienable rights of the people.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2025)
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.