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## ProEnglish Has White House Meetings To Discuss Official English Legislation



ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov and ProEnglish Director of Government Relations Dan Carter recently visited the White House on multiple occasions to discuss a variety of official English legislation issues with aides to President Donald Trump.

The White House meetings focused on potential Trump administration support for the English Language Unity Act, the RAISE Act, the COST Act, and the possibility of President Trump repealing former President Clinton's onerous Executive Order 13166 with a new Executive Order signed by the President.

Former President Clinton's EO 13166 mandates foreign language translations for all federally-funded agencies and contractors, and it costs Americans at least \$2 billion a year according to a Government Accountability Office study. A repeal of EO 13166 by President Trump would have huge economic benefits and would save Americans billions of dollars a year.

Guschov and Carter also discussed the important role of cultural assimilation during the White House meeting. When President Trump was campaigning for the White House in 2015 and 2016, he frequently remarked, "We have a country where to assimilate, you have to speak English."

ProEnglish was greatly encouraged by the White House meetings, and looks forward to additional meetings at the White House with more Trump administration officials in order to accelerate official English legislation and executive orders.

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# ProEnglish Meets With Aides To Vice President Pence



ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov and ProEnglish Director of Government Relations Dan Carter recently followed up on their White House meetings by also visiting with aides to Vice President Mike Pence to discuss a variety of the English legislation issues.

The meetings with aides to Vice President Pence similarly focused on potential Trump administration support for the English Language Unity Act, the RAISE Act, the COST Act, and the possibility of President Trump repealing former President Clinton's onerous Executive Order 13166 with a new Executive Order signed by the President.

EO 13166 mandates foreign language translations for all federally-funded agencies and contractors, and it costs Americans at least \$2 billion a year according to a Government Accountability Office study. A speedy repeal of EO 13166 by President Trump would have an estimated cost savings of several billion dollars a year, and the aides to Vice President Pence were encouraged to ask him to urge the President to sign a new Executive Order as quickly as possible.

Guschov and Carter also discussed with the aides to Vice President Pence the important role of cultural assimilation. When President Trump was campaigning for the White House in 2015 and 2016, he frequently remarked, "We have a country where to assimilate, you have to speak English." As well, Vice President Pence was a strong and loyal advocate of the English Language Unity Act in five different Congresses as evidence of his strong stand in support of official English.

ProEnglish has been greatly encouraged by all of its recent White House meetings with aides to both President Trump and Vice President Pence, and looks forward to additional meetings at the White House with more Trump-Pence administration officials in order to accelerate official English legislation and executive orders. It is very important to take advantage of the window of opportunity for official English legislation which has been opened by the Trump - Pence administration.





## Rep. Karen Handel Is 67th Supporter Of English Language Unity Act



There are now 67 supporters of HR 997 – The English Language Unity Act – in the United States House of Representatives, as Rep. Karen Handel has become the newest co-sponsor of the bill.

HR 997 is originally authored by Rep. Steve King, who also made some very important floor remarks about the legislation, and the bill has added 66 co-sponsors since that time, for a current total of 67 House supporters.

HR 997 designates English as the nation's official language of governmental operations and also establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.

ProEnglish continues to engage House members on a daily basis on Capitol Hill as we seek to add even more co-sponsors to the English Language Unity Act.

Please support ProEnglish today and also please urge your representative to support HR 997 – The English Language Unity Act – if he or she has not already done so!

## Sen. Inhofe Introduces English Language Unity Act Amendment

Sen. James Inhofe introduced an amendment for consideration during the immigration debate in the United States Senate, and Sen. Inhofe's important amendment was based on S.678 – The English Language Unity Act.

Amendment #1950 “would require the federal government to use the English language when acting with binding, legal authority. The bill makes common-sense exceptions to permit the federal government's use of other languages, such as in cases of national security, international relations and trade, tourism, public safety and health, and protecting the rights of victims.”

Sen. Inhofe stated: “My [amendment] would promote national unity by establishing English as our national language...The power of language is to unify people of all walks of life; by establishing English as the official language of our nation we will become further united. I am pleased to have taken the first steps in enabling increased communication, assimilation, and the success of those legally immigrating to the United States and working to become citizens.”





## Rep. Sam Graves Introduces The COST Act



Rep. Sam Graves has introduced HR 3589. The bill is also known by its full name – The Cost of Services and Translations Act – and is even better known by its abbreviated name – The COST Act.

The COST Act is designed to “end speculation on the current cost of multilingual services provided by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.”

The purposes of the COST Act are: (1) to create a new appendix within each agency’s annual performance and accountability report detailing any cost associated with providing multilingual services, such as verbal, written, or other services in languages other than English; (2) to end speculation on the current cost of providing multilingual services; (3) to provide for more

transparency in the Federal Government’s accounting practices, and to determine the effectiveness of agency programs, policies, and procedures; and (4) to provide for more accountability with the use of taxpayer money.

Rep. Graves is actively seeking additional House co-sponsors of the COST Act.

ProEnglish greatly appreciates that Rep. Graves has introduced the COST Act. It is a very important cost oversight bill, and it likely will show American taxpayers the exorbitant costs that they are paying for multilingual services provided by the Federal Government.

ProEnglish urges Congress to pass the COST Act.

## Rep. Steve King And Assimilation

Rep. Steve King is the author of HR 997 – The English Language Unity Act – in the United States House of Representatives, and Rep. King has always been a very strong advocate of official English legislation in Congress.

Rep. King recently noted on Twitter: “Assimilation has become a dirty word to the multiculturalist Left. Assimilation, not diversity, is our American strength.”

Rep. King fully understands the connection between advocating for official English legislation and cultural assimilation. They go together like a hand in a glove.

ProEnglish greatly appreciates Rep. King’s Twitter comment on assimilation and his excellent leadership in authoring and driving the passage of the English Language Unity Act in the United States House of Representatives.

ProEnglish continues to engage House members on a daily basis on Capitol Hill as we seek to add even more co-sponsors to the English Language Unity Act.







## Michigan House Passes Official English Bill

The Michigan House of Representatives passed a bill designating English as the state's official language of government.

If the bill passes the state Senate, then Michigan will become the 33rd state to declare English as the official language.

The bill – HB 4053 – requires that English be the official language used in all public documents and in all public meetings. It does not prohibit state departments from translating official documents to languages other than English but requires that the original document be filed in English. There are also common-sense exceptions for tourism, business promotion, and the court system.

State Rep. Tom Barrett, the sponsor of the bill, stressed that the bill simply codifies into law what is already being practiced in Michigan and added, "Are we so divided that we can't get 55 people to acknowledge that English is the fundamental language of this state? Diversity with no shared values drives us deeper into our different corners and silos."

State Rep. Aaron Miller said, "I think this is a great day. We're not



stepping on toes. We're not turning people away. We're simply saying English is our common language."

State Rep. Gary Glenn stated, "This is a statement of compassion."

The bill now moves to the state Senate in Michigan, where Republicans hold a 27-11 majority.

## Official English Bill Sabotaged In Georgia State Senate



Capitol sources indicated to Insider Advantage Georgia that a pair of Republican senators in the Georgia state Senate complained to the GOP Senate caucus leadership that they would be hurt in their districts if they supported a constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. Josh McKoon and more than 30 co-sponsors that would designate English as the official language of government operations in the state, and as a result Senate leaders decided to back away from holding even an up-or-down floor vote on the official English amendment.

The measure had passed the Georgia state Senate with a two-thirds vote

in 2016, but the reluctance by the two Republicans helped kill any chances of passage this year.

The Georgia amendment would have been subject to ratification by a statewide referendum if passed by the legislature, and would have provided "that official state actions be in English" and would "prohibit...any language other than English be used in any documents, regulations, orders, transactions, proceedings, meetings, programs, or publications" as well as "prohibit discrimination, penalties, or other limits on participation against persons who speak only English."

The Georgia amendment would have closed certain loopholes. For example, the Georgia Department of Driver Services administers the permanent resident driver's license test in 11 foreign languages; however, all road signage in Georgia is in English, so this policy undermines public safety.

The amendment also contained certain common-sense exceptions, including the teaching of languages other than English, the promotion of diplomacy, trade, commerce, and tourism in other languages, and the protection of the rights of both crime victims and criminal defendants if other language usage is required.



## Non-English Ballots In 29 States In 2018



A report by the Pew Research Center stated that more voters will have access to non-English ballots in the next election cycle.

The Pew report cited data from the Census Bureau which showed that 263 counties, cities, and other jurisdictions in 29 states will have election ballots printed in languages other than English, as required by the federal Voting Rights Act since 1975.

The jurisdictions that must provide non-English ballots encompass 68.8 million voting-age U.S. citizens, or 31.3% of the total U.S. voting-eligible population.

Texas and California have the most jurisdictions that will print non-English ballots.

## Washington Times Editorial On The Decline Of A Common Language

The Washington Times published a stirring editorial about how “[a] common language is the glue that holds a culture together.”

The Times editorial lamented “the jarring story of a radical transformation of tongues” in the USA, and stated that in California “the mother tongue [English] is an orphan.”

The Times editorial rightly concluded that “[without] English, America would come to resemble the Tower of Babel.”

Read the entire Washington Times editorial at this link:

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/nov/1/editorial-decline-of-common-language-threatens-way/>







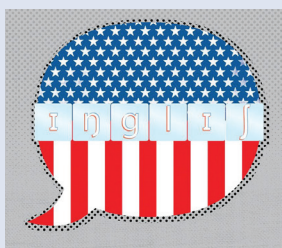
# Washington Times Publishes ProEnglish Opinion Column



The Washington Times published a ProEnglish opinion column by Executive Director Stephen Guschov.

The opinion column focused on support for English as our official language of government in the United States and its role in America's traditional process of assimilation, so as to avoid the formation of linguistic ghettos.

The column urged President Trump to repeal former President Clinton's onerous Executive Order 13166. The Clinton Executive Order discourages assimilation and requires expensive translation services in any foreign language. Healthcare is one area where costs have risen dramatically in part due to the Clinton mandate.



Read the entire Washington Times opinion column at this link:

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/mar/7/stopping-the-drift-toward-multilingualism/>

## Atlanta Newspaper Publishes ProEnglish Letter



The Atlanta Journal-Constitution recently published an opinion letter from ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov.

In the letter, Guschov detailed several reasons to support English as the official language of the state of Georgia and advocated for the passage of Senate Resolution 577, a constitutional amendment that would designate English as the official language of governmental operations in Georgia.

The letter also outlined several common-sense exceptions for the state and further stressed that the amendment would enhance better communication and save significant taxpayer money by reducing burdensome translation costs.

## WND Promotes ProEnglish In Article



WND (WorldNetDaily) promoted ProEnglish in a recent article about the 32 states that have made English their official language.

WND noted that ProEnglish is "helping lead the charge" in the official English movement and cited the ProEnglish mission "to defend English's historic role as America's common, unifying language, and to persuade lawmakers to adopt English as the official language at all levels of government."

WND discussed recent state efforts in Michigan and Georgia to make English their official language and also referenced the federal English Language Unity Act authored by Rep. Steve King.

WND also reiterated the ProEnglish position that in "a pluralistic nation such as ours, the function of government should be to foster and support the similarities that unite us, rather than institutionalize the differences that divides us."

**“We have but one flag; we must also learn one language, and that language is English.”**

- President Theodore Roosevelt



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