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White House Backs English As Official US Language



Newsmax White House correspondent John Gizzi recently asked White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders at a White House press briefing about making English the official language of government. Sanders responded: “That is the position of the White House.”

ProEnglish continues to engage White House aides about having President Trump sign an Executive Order as quickly as possible to repeal former President Clinton’s Executive Order 13166 which requires multiple languages, interpretations, and translations of all federally-funded agencies and contractors.

ProEnglish also has prepared a draft Executive Order and has sent it to the White House for review.

President Trump frequently has stated: “We have a country where to assimilate, you have to speak English.”

Vice President Pence co-sponsored the English Language Unity Act 5 times as a member of Congress from Indiana.

A new White House Executive Order, signed by President Trump to repeal and replace President Clinton’s onerous Executive Order 13166, is the next and most crucial step toward making English the official language of U.S. governmental operations, and ProEnglish strongly encourages President Trump to sign a new Executive Order as soon as possible.

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Sen. David Perdue Receives ProEnglish Theodore Roosevelt American Unity Award

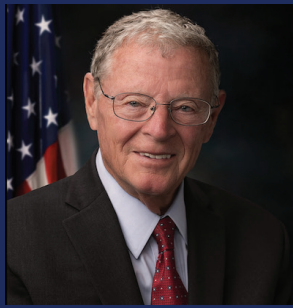
Sen. David Perdue of Georgia was awarded the ProEnglish Theodore Roosevelt American Unity Award for the 115th Congress.



The presentation to Sen. Perdue was made in his office at the United States Capitol in Washington by members of the ProEnglish staff.

The ProEnglish award is given biennially to recognize a member of Congress whose leadership in working to preserve and protect the nation's unity through our common English language best exemplifies former President Theodore Roosevelt's commitment to American unity.

ProEnglish heartily congratulates Sen. Perdue for receiving this prestigious award!



Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma has filed the English Language Unity Act in the United States Senate in the 116th Congress.

The bill is also known as S. 678.

S. 678 designates English as the nation's official language of governmental operations and establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.

S. 678 had 7 supporters in the U.S. Senate in the 115th Congress, and ProEnglish seeks even greater support of the bill in the Senate in the 116th Congress.

The House companion bill to S. 678 is H.R. 997. It recently was filed in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 116th Congress and already is attracting new co-sponsors.

The passage of official English legislation in S. 678 and H.R. 997 will save Americans billions of dollars in current, government-mandated translation and interpretation costs and will encourage cultural and linguistic assimilation by new arrivals to our nation.

A recent Rasmussen Reports poll sponsored by ProEnglish showed that 81% of Americans believe that English should be the official language of the United States.

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Washington Times Features ProEnglish In Article



The Washington Times featured ProEnglish in a recent article about eliminating former President Bill Clinton's onerous Executive Order 13166 from August of 2000 that mandates foreign language translations and interpretations for all federally-funded agencies and contractors.

The Washington Times article quoted ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov: "The government must stop placing this onerous and costly translation and interpretation burden on Americans, and President [Donald] Trump has the ability to do so on a speedy basis via a new Executive Order."

The Times article also noted that a government study during the George W. Bush administration set the cost of the translation and interpretation services at \$2 billion a year, a number that certainly has increased since the time of the Bush 43 study, and perhaps to as much as \$30 billion in total having been paid by U.S. taxpayers if that price has held steady since the time of the original report.

The article added that President Trump has said often that speaking English is important for immigrants, and that Vice President Pence, while in Congress from Indiana, was a 5-time co-sponsor of the English Language Unity Act.



Rep. Sam Graves Introduces COST Act In 116th Congress

Rep. Sam Graves of Missouri has introduced H. R. 1728 in the 116th Congress. 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.

English Language Unity Act Filed In 116th Congress

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The bill, also known as H.R. 997, has 5 original co-sponsors.

H.R. 997 designates English as the nation’s official language of governmental operations and establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.



H.R. 997 had the support of 73 members of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 115th Congress, and ProEnglish seeks even greater support of the bill in the 116th Congress.

English Immersion Classes Could Be Rolled Back In Arizona

Arizona legislators are attempting to roll back the state’s mandate that requires English-language learners in grades K-12 to spend 4 hours a day in English immersion classes.

A committee of the Arizona Legislature recently moved to roll back the 4-hour daily English language instruction to just 2 hours a day.

Under the current system, English-language learners, also known as ELL students, spend 4 hours a day in a classroom studying English grammar, conversation, and vocabulary, with no other languages allowed.

In the year 2000, Proposition 203 passed in Arizona. It restricted bilingual education and required English immersion programs for ELL students in Arizona classrooms. Subsequent legislation created the 4-hour daily requirement for ELL students in their first year of learning English. The legislative intent was for ELL students to stay in the English immersion program for one year, and then they would begin to take classes with other English-proficient classmates.

ProEnglish strongly urges Arizona to retain the state’s mandate that requires 4 hours a day of English language immersion classes for its ELL students.

ProEnglish long has advocated for English language immersion programs as far superior to bilingual education programs for students for whom English is not the native language, in order not to relegate such students to a linguistic ghetto in which they are destined for a poorer-quality educational experience and a stronger likelihood of lower-paying job opportunities upon graduation.



Official English Under Attack In Iowa



A 17-year-old law making English the official language of the state of Iowa is now under attack as legislative opponents call it “a terrible message” and “antiquated.”

According to a report in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, 5 Democrats in the Iowa House of Representatives have filed a bill to repeal the 2002 Iowa English Language Reaffirmation Act, which requires official state documents to be printed in English.

The 2002 act’s opponents, however, may face an uphill battle in repealing it.

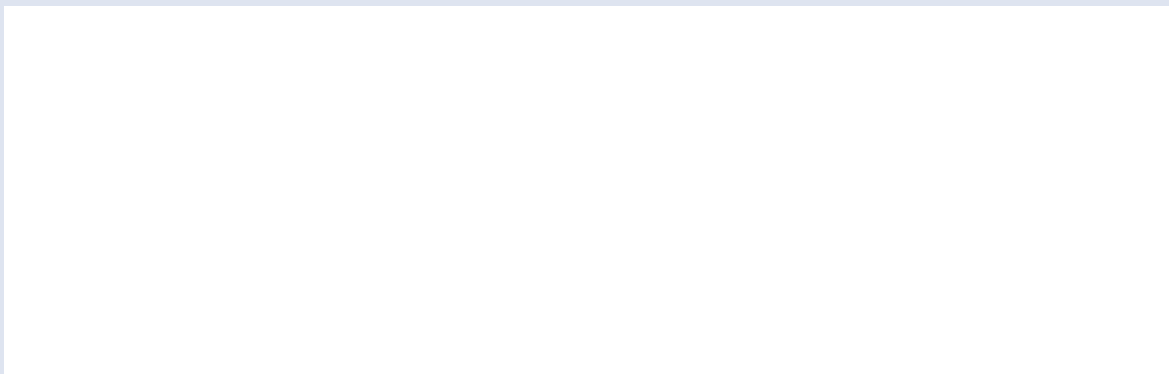
“I have no interest in repealing that,” House State Government Committee Chairman Bobby Kaufmann (R-Wilton) said of the 2002 law. “(English) is our official language.”

Rep. Kaufmann added that he has not heard from any constituents saying that they want to change the law, which does not prohibit any legislator or officer of the state from using languages than English to communicate “if that member or officer deems it necessary or desirable to do so.”

Iowa supporters of the 2002 bill said that English is a unifying factor in a state that has become increasingly diverse.

32 states across the nation have declared English as their official language.

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

- President Theodore Roosevelt

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