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Rep. Louie Gohmert Is The New Sponsor Of The English Language Unity Act



ProEnglish is very excited to announce that Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) is the new sponsor of H.R. 997, the English Language Unity Act, in the United States House of Representatives.

Rep. Gohmert is a longtime supporter of the English Language Unity Act.

The English Language Unity Act has been filed to “declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress’ powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution.”

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

ProEnglish already has been engaging several new and returning members of Congress in order to advocate for their cosponsorship of the English Language Unity Act.

ProEnglish also is working with Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) in order to attempt to include the English Language Unity Act as an amendment in a larger budget or immigration bill.

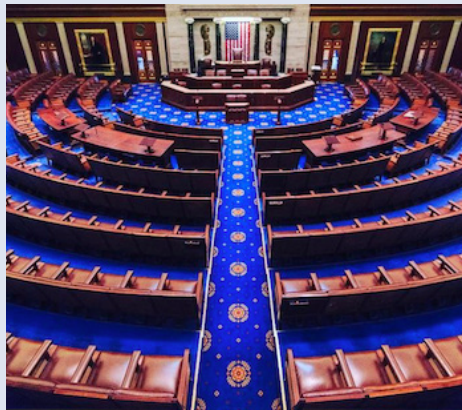
There is much to do on behalf of the English Language Unity Act in 2021, and ProEnglish is very grateful to Rep. Gohmert for his sponsorship of H.R. 997.

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Several House Members Are Early Cosponsors Of The English Language Unity Act



In addition to Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) becoming the new sponsor of H.R. 997, the English Language Unity Act, in the United States House of Representatives, several other House members have become early cosponsors of the bill as well.

Along with Rep. Gohmert's new sponsorship of H.R. 997, the following members of Congress all quickly followed his lead and became early cosponsors of the bill:

Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX); Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC); Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ); Rep. Steven Palazzo (R-MS); Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA); Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY); Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC); Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL); Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI); Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA); Rep. Bob Good (R-VA); Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA).

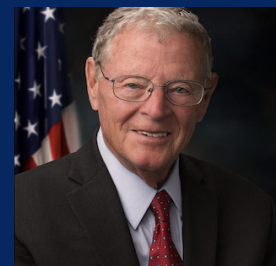
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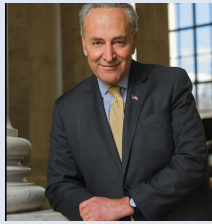
Sen. James Inhofe Files English Language Unity Act In United States Senate

Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) has filed S.678, the English Language Unity Act, in the United States Senate.

Sen. Inhofe is a longtime sponsor and supporter of the English Language Unity Act.

Sen. Inhofe has been joined by 5 other early cosponsors of S.678, including Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD), Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), and Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN).





Chuck Schumer Opposes Puerto Rico Statehood Bill

United States Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has changed his position on Puerto Rico statehood, and he now stands opposed to such a bill.

During a recent community Zoom meeting in New York, Sen. Schumer declared his newfound opposition to a Puerto Rico statehood bill in Congress.

Sen. Schumer stated: “I don’t agree with them, I’m not going to support their [Puerto Rico] statehood bill.”

Sen. Schumer had publically supported statehood for Puerto Rico as recently as last October of 2020.

ProEnglish Board of Directors Chair Dr. Rosalie Porter has stated that “any legislative attempt by the island to become the 51st state must stipulate that English become its primary official language of the government, courts, and school system.”

Dr. Porter added: “Let’s remember that the 2011 recommendations from President Barack Obama’s Task Force on Puerto Rico’s Status says that if the U.S. commonwealth ever applies for statehood, Congress has ultimate authority over admission and English must play a central role in the daily life of the island. At a minimum, we believe a large majority must become fluent in English for statehood to be even considered.”

It will be extremely expensive for U.S. taxpayers if Puerto Rico becomes a new state in the union. This new economic burden, along with potential divisions related to cultural politics and a possible lack of assimilation, and combined with no current demand or stipulation that English become the primary official language of the government, courts, and school system on the island, all serve to make Puerto Rico’s statehood bid a very risky proposition at the present time.

Puerto Rico Governor Admits Need For English On Island

Puerto Rico Gov. Pedro Pierluisi recently recognized the importance of learning the English language and admitted its need on the island.



Gov. Pierluisi has visited Washington and has met with various members of Congress in both the House and the Senate in order to push for the introduction and passage of a Puerto Rico statehood bill.

ProEnglish constantly has stated that accepting Puerto Rico as a new state, or any other new classification, without a specific designation of English as the primary official language of the island, would automatically transform the United States into a bilingual nation. ProEnglish believes that the U.S. should look to Canada’s experience as a bilingual nation in order to remind us of the potential risks and consequences involved, including sharp cultural and political divisions and much higher costs for government-mandated translation and interpretation services.

Gov. Pierluisi recently seemed to acknowledge this point when he stated: “English has really become the dominant language of the world. And as a matter of personal advancement, knowing English is for the better of anybody. Puerto Rico is no different.”



Arizona Bill Seeks To Repeal English Immersion Classes

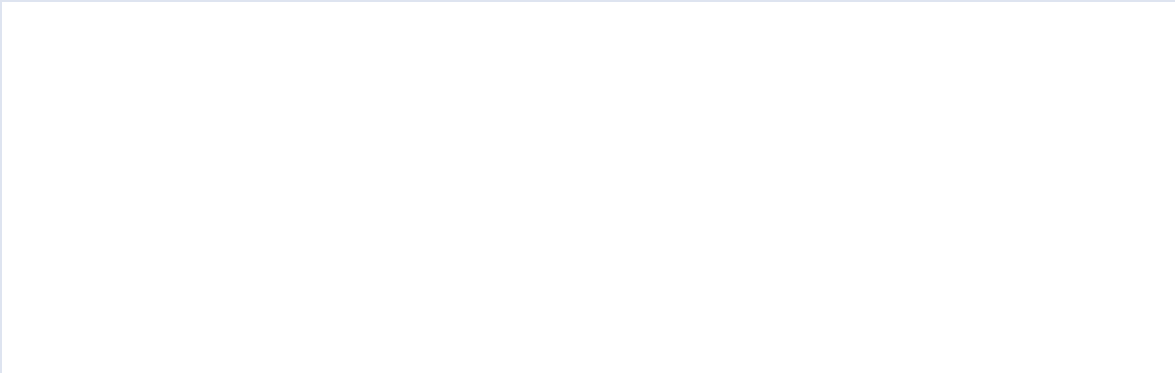
For the third straight year, a legislative proposal seeks to repeal English immersion classes in Arizona.

The proposal, Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2005, is sponsored by Rep. John Fillmore, a Republican from Apache Junction.

HCR 2005 seeks to repeal Arizona’s English-only model, known as Structured English Immersion, which was mainly established by Proposition 203 in 2000.

Rep. Fillmore’s proposal would go to the 2022 ballot if it is approved by the Arizona legislature. Fillmore also sponsored identical bills during the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions.

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- President Theodore Roosevelt

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