



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2405

Proud to Be an American Citizen Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on October 24, 2007

H.R. 2405 would authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide funding to nonprofit entities to organize ceremonies for administering oaths of allegiance to persons whose applications for naturalization have been approved. The bill would require these ceremonies to be held on or near July 4 each year and would limit funding for each ceremony to \$5,000.

Based on information from DHS, CBO expects that the department would support fewer than 100 such ceremonies annually. Thus, we estimate that enacting H.R. 2405 would increase direct spending by less than \$500,000 annually. (The spending would come from adjudication fees that are currently collected by DHS.) Enacting this legislation would not affect revenues.

H.R. 2405 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.