



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2853
All-American Flag Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on July 28, 2010*

H.R. 2853 would amend federal law to require that all flags of the United States of America (the American flag) acquired by the federal government be manufactured in the United States from materials grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States. The legislation also would require manufacturers of U.S. flags to certify that they participate in the E-Verify Program and that they do not employ aliens who are not authorized to work in the United States.

Based on information from the General Services Administration and U.S. flag vendors, CBO expects that implementing this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget because the Flag Manufacturers Association of America already certifies (through the Made in the USA program) that manufacturers of American flags meet most of those requirements.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 2853 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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