

HR 1703

American Steel First Act of 2011

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management. (May 10, 2011)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]	D · IN		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Jun 15, 2011
Rep. Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 12, 2011
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jul 18, 2011
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 27, 2011
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 3, 2011
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 4, 2011
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 3, 2011)

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American Steel First Act of 2011 - Prohibits heads of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) from obligating or expending funds or providing financial assistance for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron and steel used in such project is produced in the United States.

Waives such prohibition in cases where: (1) the prohibition would be inconsistent with the public interest, (2) iron and steel are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron and steel produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25%. Prohibits waivers by a department head for products produced in a foreign country that is determined by the U.S. Trade Representative to have violated the terms of an agreement with the United States by discriminating against products covered by the agreement that are produced in the United States.

Prohibits such department heads from imposing financial assistance restrictions on: (1) states that impose more stringent requirements on the use of iron and steel in foreign countries in projects carried out with such assistance, or (2) recipients that comply with such state imposed requirements.

Makes any person who intentionally mislabels or misrepresents a product used in a project under this Act as "Made in America" ineligible for another department contract from for six years.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to: (1) publish a justification for a waiver of the prohibition against obligating funds to carry out the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, highway projects, public transportation projects, or aviation programs unless the steel, iron, and manufactured products used are produced in the United States; and (2) provide for public notice and comment for such waiver.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 10, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management.
- **May 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **May 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **May 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.