

## HR 3670

21st Century Buy American Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (Oct 2, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 2, 2015
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2167	Identical bill	Oct 8, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## 21st Century Buy American Act

This bill amends the Buy American Act to define the term "substantially all" to mean that articles, materials, or supplies shall be treated as made substantially all from articles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States if the cost of the domestic components of such articles, materials, or supplies exceeds 60% of the total cost of all such components.

The bill prohibits the use of the overseas exception to Buy American requirements unless one of the following criteria is met: (1) the articles, materials, or supplies are needed urgently for national security reasons; or (2) a cost analysis demonstrates that the articles, materials, or supplies to be acquired would be more than 50% more expensive if made in the United States.

The bill requires the head of a federal agency, in determining whether to apply the public interest exception to Buy American requirements, to: (1) consider the short-term and long-term effects on employment in the United States, and (2) determine that preserving or increasing employment in the United States is consistent with the public interest.

The bill requires each federal agency that applies an exception or grants a waiver to Buy American requirements to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a notification of such exception or waiver and post such notification on the OMB website.

The bill: (1) authorizes the Department of Defense to establish and carry out a program to make or guarantee loans to certain business entities, up to \$500,000 per entity, under the Defense Production Act; and (2) sets forth eligibility requirements for such entities, including requirements that such an entity is a manufacturer in the United States, is certified as eligible to apply for trade adjustment assistance, and meets criteria relating to the availability of an item.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Oct 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Oct 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial 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.