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WALL Act of 2019

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 8, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 27, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill appropriates \$25 billion for the construction of a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. The amount shall remain available until expended.

As offsets to the spending, this bill restricts the child tax credit, earned income credits, and lifetime learning credits to those with social security numbers and not prohibited from employment in the United States. Also, individuals who file taxes using an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) instead of a social security number shall pay a fee (\$300 times the number of persons on the tax return issued an ITIN).

The bill restricts eligibility for certain federally-funded benefits, including unemployment compensation, supplemental nutrition assistance, and housing benefits, to those with eligibility to work in the United States. Agencies administering such benefits shall use the E-Verify program to confirm the eligibility of applicants for such benefits.

This bill also sets fines for aliens who improperly enter the United States or overstay their visas.

Actions Timeline

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