

HR 85

Fund and Complete the Border Wall Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		May 1, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		May 17, 2019
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 25, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3199	Related bill	Jan 15, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

Fund and Complete the Border Wall Act

This bill establishes funding for a U.S.-Mexico border barrier and revises how border patrol agents are compensated for overtime.

The Department of the Treasury shall set up an account for funding the design, construction, and maintenance of the barrier. The funds are appropriated only for that purpose and for vehicles and equipment for border patrol agents.

For each fiscal year, financial assistance to a country shall be reduced by \$2,000 for each citizen or national of that country apprehended for illegally entering the United States through its southern border. The reduced amount shall be transferred to the border barrier account. The Department of State may opt not to reduce amounts appropriated to Mexico for various military and law enforcement-related activities.

This bill establishes a 5% fee on foreign remittance transfers and increases the fee for the arrival/departure I-94 form for various aliens entering the United States, with part of the fees to go into the border barrier account.

By December 31, 2019, DHS shall (1) take all actions necessary, including constructing barriers, to prevent illegal crossings along the U.S.-Mexico barrier; and (2) achieve operational control over all U.S. international borders.

The bill changes how border patrol agents receive overtime pay when working up to 100 hours in a two-week period. For hours worked above 80, an agent shall receive at least 150% of the agent's regular hourly rate.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, Education and Labor, and Appropriations, 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.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.