

HR 227

Build America Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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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. (Feb 4, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 15, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2021
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 6, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to carry out a national infrastructure investment grant program for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure.

Projects eligible for funding under the program include, at a minimum, highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure investments. In distributing grants under the program, DOT shall ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds, an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas, and investment in a variety of transportation modes. At least 20% of grant funds must be set aside for projects in rural areas.

The bill also establishes a National Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund and increases the excise tax on gasoline other than aviation gasoline and on diesel fuel or kerosene.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E9-10)
- **Jan 6, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.