

S 1494

BUILD IT Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		May 9, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 9, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 9, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6098	Identical bill	Oct 26, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability.

Border's Unused Idle and Lying Dormant Inventory Transfer Act or the BUILD IT Act

This bill requires the federal government to transfer, upon request, materials associated with the construction of a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border to the governments of the states along that border (i.e., Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas). The transferred materials must be used to construct, repair, or reinforce a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The federal government must cancel any existing contracts relating to the maintenance and security of the materials if the cancellation is necessary to transfer the materials.

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