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Build the Wall Now Act

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 14, 2023
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Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 16, 2023

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 989	Identical bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
118 HR 1531	Related bill	Mar 13, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.

## **Build the Wall Now Act**

This bill resumes the construction of, and modifies the requirements for, a physical barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Specifically, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) must, within one day of the bill's enactment, resume any project related to the construction of such barriers (and any related infrastructure), and DHS may not cancel any contracts related to such construction that were entered into on or before January 20, 2021. Additionally, funds already appropriated for such construction must remain available until expended.

The bill also modifies the requirements for the physical barriers along the southern border and requires DHS to consult with the labor organization representing border patrol agents about the safety and effectiveness of the agents deployed in the vicinity of the barriers.

Finally, the bill exempts these construction projects from certain legal requirements, including requirements stemming from the Administrative Procedure Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the federal laws regarding public contracts.

## **Actions Timeline**

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