

HR 989

Build the Wall Now Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (Mar 22, 2023)

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Rep. Fry, Russell [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Feb 17, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Feb 17, 2023
Rep. Self, Keith [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Feb 17, 2023
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Feb 17, 2023
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Sep 26, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 13, 2023
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2023
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 15, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2023
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1531	Related bill	Mar 13, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.
118 S 422	Identical bill	Feb 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2023)

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

- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Mar 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.
- **Feb 15, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services, Agriculture, Small Business, the Judiciary, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.