

HR 8870

BUILD America 250 Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Party: Republican • State: MO • Chamber: House

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Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		May 19, 2026
Rep. Rulli, Michael A. [R-OH-6]	R · OH		May 26, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2026
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2026
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	May 21, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 337	Related bill	Feb 23, 2026: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 341.
119 HR 7261	Related bill	Jan 28, 2026: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
119 HR 5656	Related bill	Dec 1, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
119 HR 3055	Related bill	Sep 9, 2025: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
119 HR 4380	Related bill	Jul 15, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
119 HR 880	Related bill	Feb 1, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
119 HR 265	Related bill	Jan 10, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Summary (as of May 19, 2026)

Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act or the BUILD America 250 Act

This bill authorizes federal surface transportation (highway, public transportation, and rail) programs and activities through FY2031. The bill also establishes or modifies Department of Transportation (DOT) programs and policies that are a part of the federal-aid highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs.

For example, the bill authorizes appropriations through FY2031 out of the Highway Trust Fund for the federal-aid highway program, the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, highway safety programs, and bridge programs. The bill also authorizes funding through FY2031 for Amtrak. Current authorization for these programs expires on September 30, 2026.

Among other provisions, the bill

- establishes a Surface Transportation Accelerator Grant (STAG) discretionary program to fund surface transportation projects in rural, urban, local, and regional communities;
- requires the Federal Highway Administration to impose a new annual electric vehicle (EV) registration fee, starting at \$130 for a covered EV and \$35 for a covered plug-in hybrid vehicle;
- exempts automated driving system technology and equipment from vehicle width requirements;
- establishes a consolidated state block grant program that allows DOT to allocate a lump sum to participating states to fund public transportation services in rural and urbanized areas;
- allows state rail safety inspectors to conduct railroad bridge inspections; and
- establishes a system for state, local, and tribal governments to report safety concerns about the condition of railroad bridges.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2026:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 62 - 2.
- **May 21, 2026:** Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Discharged
- **May 21, 2026:** Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Discharged
- **May 21, 2026:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 20, 2026:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 20, 2026:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 19, 2026:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2026:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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