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## Congress Enacts \$1.2 Trillion “Infrastructure” Bill With Radical Provisions

In a major step toward implementing Joe Biden’s socialist “[Build Back Better](#)” agenda, Congress enacted a \$1.2 trillion bipartisan “infrastructure” bill that Biden had been pushing.

On Friday, the House [voted 228-206](#) to pass [H.R. 3684](#). Having already been [passed](#) by the Senate in August, the bill now [heads to President Biden](#) for his signature.

H.R. 3684 was supposed to fail; [six](#) far-left Democrats voted against it as they demanded a simultaneous vote on the even more radical “Build Back Better Act.” Having a narrow three-vote majority in the House, House Democratic leadership was unable to pass the bill without these members’ support. However, 13 House Republicans saved H.R. 3684 by voting for it. They [include](#) Don Bacon (R-Neb.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.), Anthony Gonzalez (R-Ohio), John Katko (R-N.Y.), Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.), David McKinley (R-W.Va.), Chris Smith (R-N.J.), Tom Reed (R-N.Y.), Fred Upton (R-Mich.), Jeff Van Drew (R-N.J.), and Don Young (R-Alaska).

The far-left House Democrats voting against include Jamaal Bowman (D-N.Y.), Cori Bush (D-Mo.), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.), and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.).

At [more than 2,700 pages](#) long, H.R. 3684 would spend \$1.2 trillion. However, [only nine percent](#) of that would actually go toward infrastructure, with the remainder going toward leftist programs and the pet projects of lawmakers. Specifically, H.R. 3684 includes the following radical provisions:

- unconstitutionally [mandates](#) that states create carbon reduction programs, with the federal government choosing which plans to accept or reject;
- creates a pilot program for a [mileage tax](#), which [tracks](#) how many miles individuals drive, something that would infringe on Americans’ privacy, [penalize](#) drivers in low-density areas, and make driving [too costly](#) for some Americans;
- requires car companies to equip all vehicles with “[advanced alcohol monitoring systems](#)”;
- [allows](#) the federal government to [bypass](#) “Buy American” rules, [promoting](#) outsourcing to countries such as [Communist China](#);



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- enables mass [migration](#) by funding border crossings and [migrant “welcome centers”](#) while including [\\$0 for border wall](#) construction;
- defines “[gender identity](#)” as a protected class and uses the word “equity” [64 times](#);
- enacts [racial quotas](#) for [broadband](#) spending;
- [rewards](#) states that support and facilitate illegal migration to the United States, also for broadband spending;
- [ends](#) Amtrak’s policies/goals of creating a profit and seeking to minimize costs;
- includes multiple [radical climate-change provisions](#), including over \$50 billion to protect against “climate change” and \$21 billion for “environmental remediation.” Additionally, H.R. 3684 will “modernize” the power grid to [accommodate](#) “green” energy; and
- among [other](#) provisions, H.R. 3684 [includes](#) \$39 billion for public transportation, \$15 billion altogether for electric transportation, \$65 billion for broadband, a \$30 billion [cryptocurrency tax](#).

One of the strongest voices speaking out against H.R. 3684 was former President Donald Trump. [Stating](#) it was “Very sad that the RINOs in the House and Senate gave Biden and Democrats a victory on the ‘Non-Infrastructure’ Bill,” Trump noted that Democrats had already set their eyes upon a second “infrastructure” bill.

This second bill is [H.R. 5376](#), titled the “Build Back Better Act” after an [Orwellian UN program](#), and it contains even more extreme provisions than H.R. 3684. At [1,684 pages](#), Democrats claim H.R. 5376 costs [\\$1.85 trillion](#) (down from the original \$3.5 trillion they had pushed for). However, according to a [Wharton study](#), the bill would actually cost \$2.42 trillion. Furthermore, it includes \$1.48 trillion in [tax increases](#).

Among its other provisions, the Build Back Better Act would promote [mass migration](#), spend up to [\\$555 billion](#) on “climate change” measures, [override](#) state pro-life laws while funding abortions in the United States, include radical [pro-labor union](#) provisions, and impose [\\$700,000 fines](#) on employers who violate the administration’s vaccine mandate.

The 13 House Republicans’ vote in favor of H.R. 3684 reveals much about their fidelity to the Constitution. It is up to the American people, through education and informed action, to put an end to these radical spending schemes.

*To urge your U.S. representative and senators to reject the “Build Back Better Act” (H.R. 5376), visit The John Birch Society’s legislative alert [here](#).*





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