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## Senate Poised to Pass Bipartisan “Infrastructure” Bill

The U.S. Senate is poised to pass an “[infrastructure](#)” bill supported by Democrats and some Republicans.

On Sunday, the Senate [voted 68-29](#) to end debate on H.R. 3684, titled the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.” [Eighteen Republicans](#) joined every Democrat in voting for the bill. This vote clears the way for a final vote on H.R. 3684, [likely](#) late Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

[H.R. 3684](#), which would spend a total of \$1.2 trillion, is [over 2,700 pages](#) long. Despite being labeled an “infrastructure” bill, [only nine percent](#) of the bill’s spending would go toward actual infrastructure.



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Despite senators’ promises that H.R. 3684 will not add to the national debt, multiple studies have shown otherwise. For example, the Congressional Budget Office reported the bill will add [\\$256 billion](#) to the deficit while the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget found it will add [\\$340 billion](#). Furthermore, the University of Pennsylvania’s Penn-Wharton Budget Model [found](#) that not only will H.R. 3684 add \$351 billion to the deficit, but it will have “have no significant [economic] impact.”

### What’s In the “Bipartisan” Bill?

Despite being touted as a bipartisan and “moderate” bill, H.R. 3684 includes the following radical provisions:

- [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](#);
- [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;
- 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



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- among [other](#) provisions, the bipartisan bill [includes](#) \$39 billion for public transportation, \$15 billion altogether for electric transportation, \$65 billion for broadband, a \$30 billion [cryptocurrency tax](#).

In their rush to pass H.R. 3684, Senate Democrats [blocked](#) the consideration of over 20 bipartisan amendments, some of which would have marginally improved the bill.

Former President Donald Trump [criticized](#) the above \$1.2 trillion “bipartisan” bill — along with the even more extremist \$3.5 trillion “reconciliation” bill — and the Republicans supporting it. Trump [noted](#) that “Infrastructure is just a ‘carrot’ for a massive socialist expansion,” and in a later statement, he [urged](#) senators to “think twice before you approve this terrible deal.” Based on the bill’s provisions, Trump is right.

### **Next Up: \$3.5 Trillion “Reconciliation” Bill**

Passage of the bipartisan H.R. 3684 will not end the “infrastructure” saga. On Monday, Senate Democrats [released](#) a draft of the [second phase](#) of their plan. Unlike the first phase, this proposal is partisan and, thus, significantly more extremist. Despite being advertised as being \$3.5 trillion, the partisan “reconciliation” bill could actually cost [up to \\$5.5 trillion](#).

Passage of the bipartisan bill [increases](#) the likelihood of the \$3.5 trillion second-phase bill passing. Unlike H.R. 3684, Senate Democrats plan to pass it through the “reconciliation” process which only needs a simple majority, thus bypassing the filibuster. Accordingly, the Left is [attempting to cram](#) as many of their [extremist](#) proposals as possible.

Among numerous other extremist proposals in this proposal, Democrats are seeking to pass a [mass amnesty](#) of up to [10 million](#) illegal aliens, multiple radical climate-change measures, and a [major expansion](#) in social programs.

It is not an exaggeration to state that the future of the United States, and liberty itself, is at stake with these two “infrastructure” bills.

*To urge your U.S. representative and senators to reject both the bipartisan H.R. 3684 and the partisan \$3.5 trillion “infrastructure” bills, visit The John Birch Society’s legislative alert [here](#).*



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