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To create jobs and strengthen our economy by rebuilding our Nation's
infrastructure.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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our Nation's infrastructure.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rebuild America Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

6 It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should—

7 (1) create jobs and support businesses while im-
8 proving our Nation's global competitiveness by mod-

1 ernizing and strengthening our national infrastruc-
2 ture;

3 (2) invest resources in transportation corridors
4 of national and regional significance that promote
5 commerce and reduce congestion;

6 (3) update and enhance our national network of
7 rail, dams, and ports of the United States;

8 (4) develop innovative financing mechanisms for
9 infrastructure, such as an infrastructure bank, to le-
10 verage Federal funds with private sector partners;

11 (5) invest in critical infrastructure, such as a
12 smarter national energy grid, to reduce energy waste
13 and bolster investment in clean energy jobs and in-
14 dustries;

15 (6) invest in clean energy technologies that help
16 free the United States from its dependence on oil,
17 especially foreign oil;

18 (7) eliminate wasteful tax subsidies that pro-
19 mote pollution and fail to reduce our reliance on for-
20 eign oil;

21 (8) spur innovation by facilitating the develop-
22 ment of new cutting-edge broadband internet tech-
23 nology and improving internet access for all Ameri-
24 cans;

1 (9) modernize, renovate, and repair elementary
2 and secondary school buildings in public school dis-
3 tricts and community colleges across the United
4 States in order to support improved educational out-
5 comes in those schools;

6 (10) invest in the Nation’s crumbling water in-
7 frastructure to protect public health and reduce pol-
8 lution;

9 (11) upgrade and repair the Nation’s system of
10 flood protection infrastructure, such as levees, to
11 protect public safety; and

12 (12) invest in the infrastructure of the United
13 States to address vulnerabilities to natural disasters
14 and the impacts of extreme weather.

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