

House passes infrastructure bill, sending it to Biden's desk

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Progressives back off insistence that climate and social spending package be passed on the same day, throw weight behind \$1.2 trillion public works bill.

WASHINGTON, DC - House Democrats late Friday night clinched a long-sought victory on President Biden's domestic agenda, passing a \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill — while preparing to advance an even larger social spending package — after months of stubborn infighting that's bedeviled the party and helped deflate Biden's public standing.

The vote came after progressives caved on a key demand they'd maintained for months: their insistence that the climate and social spending package be passed on the same day as the more popular infrastructure proposal.

On Friday they shed that stipulation, threw their weight behind the public works bill — which had already passed the Senate — and helped send it along to Biden's desk. A procedural vote on the social spending bill was scheduled for late Friday instead.

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