

higher than the GSA rate. These are not highly sought-after scientists. These are entry-level applicants, and there is no shortage of applicants for those positions.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield to the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON), the chair of the committee.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment, but I rise mainly to explain what the special hiring authority is.

The so-called title 42 special hiring authority was provided to the Department of Health and Human Services to allow the agency to pay individuals above the GSA pay scale. The authority was created to allow the agency to compete with private-sector salaries for the Nation's best healthcare experts and scientists, given the critical importance of human health and the Federal role in public health.

Congress then provided the EPA with this authority for the first time in 2006. It was authorized by Congress in 2006, arguing that the EPA also conducts human health work, such as research and assessment of chemicals. Most recently, the authority of the EPA was renewed in the fiscal year 2022 spending year, which capped the total number of people who could be hired using this special authority to 100 people.

The current authority expires at the end of fiscal year 2025. This amendment allows current individuals to continue to be paid using the special authority but blocks any additional staff from being hired under this authority.

Remember, this expires at the end of 2025, and I would hope that the authorizing committees would take it up and decide what they want to do in the future, but not do this through an amendment.

I understand the gentleman's very longstanding concerns with this authority at EPA, and I agree that appropriate oversight needs to be provided so that this authority is not abused, but I do oppose this amendment.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of the amendment. It is important, with \$31 trillion in national debt, that we be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. The gentleman is right. I have pursued this for a number of years, but it is because it is a noble cause.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further pro-

ceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas will be postponed.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUCSHON) having assumed the chair, Mr. FALLON, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4821) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### ISRAEL SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 838, I call up the bill (H.R. 6126) making emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the attacks in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 6126

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:

#### TITLE I

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide", \$4,400,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, to respond to the attacks in Israel: *Provided*, That such amounts may be transferred to accounts under the headings "Operation and Maintenance" and "Procurement" for replacement of defense articles from the stocks of the Department of Defense, and for reimbursement for defense services of the Department of Defense and military education and training, provided to Israel or identified and notified to Congress for provision to Israel: *Provided further*, That funds transferred pursuant to the previous proviso shall be merged with and available for the same purposes and for the same time period as the appropriations to which the funds are transferred: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall notify the congressional defense committees of the details of such transfers not less than 15 days before any such transfer: *Provided further*, That upon a determination that all or part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes provided under this heading, such amounts may be transferred back and merged with this appropriation: *Provided further*, That any transfer authority provided under this heading is

in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

#### PROCUREMENT

##### PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY

For an additional amount for "Procurement of Ammunition, Army", \$801,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to respond to the attacks in Israel: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

##### WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY

For an additional amount for "Weapons Procurement, Navy", \$10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to respond to the attacks in Israel: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

##### MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for "Missile Procurement, Air Force", \$38,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to respond to the attacks in Israel: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

##### PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for "Procurement, Defense-Wide", \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, for the Secretary of Defense to provide to the Government of Israel for the procurement of the Iron Dome and David's Sling defense systems to counter short-range rocket threats: *Provided*, That such funds shall be transferred pursuant to an exchange of letters and are in addition to funds provided pursuant to the U.S.-Israel Iron Dome Procurement Agreement, as amended: *Provided further*, That nothing under this heading shall be construed to apply to amounts made available in prior appropriations Acts for the procurement of the Iron Dome and David's Sling defense systems: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

#### RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION

##### RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for "Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide", \$1,350,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, to respond to the attacks in Israel, of which \$1,200,000,000 shall be for the Secretary of Defense to provide to the Government of Israel for the development of the Iron Beam defense system to counter short-range rocket threats: *Provided*, That such funds shall be transferred pursuant to an exchange of letters: *Provided further*, That nothing in the preceding proviso shall be construed to apply to amounts made available in prior appropriations Acts for the development of the Iron Beam defense system: *Provided further*, That such amounts may be transferred to "Procurement, Defense-Wide" for the production of such system: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of

Defense shall notify the congressional defense committees of the details of such transfers not less than 15 days before any such transfer: *Provided further*, That upon a determination that all or part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes provided under this heading, such amounts may be transferred back and merged with this appropriation: *Provided further*, That any transfer authority provided under this heading is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 101. Section 12001 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-287), as amended by Public Law 115-141, is amended as follows:

(1) In paragraph (2) of subsection (a), by striking “armor” and all that follows through the end of the paragraph and inserting “defense articles that are in the inventory of the Department of Defense as of the date of transfer, are intended for use as reserve stocks for Israel, and are located in a stockpile for Israel as of the date of transfer”;

(2) In subsection (b), by striking “at least equal to the fair market value of the items transferred” and inserting “in an amount to be determined by the Secretary of Defense”;

(3) In subsection (c), by striking “30” and inserting “15”, and by inserting “Appropriations,” after “Committees on” in both places it occurs.

SEC. 102. During fiscal year 2024, section 514(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)) shall not apply to defense articles to be set aside, earmarked, reserved, or intended for use as reserve stocks in stockpiles in the State of Israel.

SEC. 103. Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 30 days thereafter through fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall provide a written report to the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Relations of the Senate describing United States security assistance provided to Israel since the October 7, 2023, terrorist attack on Israel, including a comprehensive list of the defense articles and services provided to Israel and the associated authority and funding used to provide such articles and services: *Provided*, That such report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may be accompanied by a classified annex.

SEC. 104. Concurrent with any notification of assistance made pursuant to section 506(b)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318(b)(1)), the Secretary of Defense shall submit a written notification to the congressional defense committees that contains a description of the defense articles and defense services to be furnished, including the quantity, approximate value, and an estimate of the cost to replace such article or an equivalent capability; and a timeline for the delivery of such defense articles and defense services.

#### TITLE II

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

#### DIPLOMATIC PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for “Diplomatic Programs”, \$150,000,000, to remain available

until September 30, 2025, for responding to the attacks in Israel and areas impacted by the attacks in Israel, including for crisis response and relocation support for Mission Israel, of which \$100,000,000 shall be available until expended for Worldwide Security Protection to sustain requirements for Mission Israel and other United States missions affected by the attacks in Israel: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

#### EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE

For an additional amount for “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service”, \$50,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for emergency evacuation of United States Government personnel and citizens in Israel and in countries in the region impacted by the attacks in Israel: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

#### INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

#### FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

#### FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Foreign Military Financing Program”, \$3,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, to respond to the attacks in Israel: *Provided*, That funds made available under this heading in this Act and prior Acts making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for fiscal year 2024, in addition to funds otherwise available for such purposes, may be used by the Department of State for necessary expenses for the general costs of administering military assistance and sales, including management and oversight of such programs and activities: *Provided further*, That, to the extent that the Government of Israel requests that funds be used for such purposes, grants made available for Israel under this heading shall, as agreed by the United States and Israel, be available for advanced weapons systems, of which up to \$3,500,000,000 may be available for the procurement in Israel of defense articles and defense services: *Provided further*, That any congressional notification requirement applicable to funds made available under this heading for Israel may be waived if a determination is made that extraordinary circumstances exist that impact the national security of the United States: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 201. (a) During fiscal year 2024, and subject to subsection (b), section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1)) shall be amended by substituting “\$2,500,000,000” for “\$100,000,000”.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not take effect unless the Secretary of State determines and reports to the appropriate congressional committees that the exercise of the authority of such subsection is necessary to respond to the situation in Israel.

SEC. 202. Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report on the proposed uses of funds appropriated by this title to respond to the situation in Israel: *Provided*, That such report shall be updated and submitted to such Committees every 60 days thereafter until September 30, 2025, and every 180 days

thereafter until all funds have been expended, and shall include information detailing how estimates and assumptions contained in previous reports have changed, including obligations and expenditures.

#### TITLE III

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

SEC. 301. Each amount appropriated or made available by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

SEC. 302. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 303. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act, the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appropriations accounts shall be available under the authorities and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts for fiscal year 2024.

SEC. 304. Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, shall be available (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

SEC. 305. Any amount appropriated by this Act, designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and subsequently so designated by the President, and transferred pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this Act shall retain such designation.

#### BUDGETARY OFFSETS

SEC. 306. (a) RESCISSION OF CERTAIN BALANCES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.—Of the unobligated balances of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for activities of the Internal Revenue Service by paragraphs (1)(A)(ii), (1)(A)(iii), (1)(B), (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 10301 of Public Law 117-169 (commonly known as the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”) as of the date of the enactment of this Act, \$14,300,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

(b) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105-217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the budgetary effects of this section shall not be estimated—

(1) for purposes of section 251 of such act;

(2) for purposes of an allocation to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(3) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section 3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as being included in an appropriation Act.

This Act may be cited as the “Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, or their respective designees.

The gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GRANGER) and the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAULO) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GRANGER).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6126, the bill that will provide additional support for Israel.

Earlier this month, we saw Hamas carry out its evil attack on the Israeli people. Now more than ever, we must stand firm with our great ally and do all we can to ensure Israel has what it needs to defend itself. The bill before us provides \$14.3 billion in emergency funding for such a need in military assistance.

The funding will cover everything requested by the Israelis. Specifically, the bill includes funding for Iron Dome, David's Sling, the Iron Beam defense system, advanced weapons systems and services through the foreign military financing program and procurement of ammunition.

To ensure that our support does not impact our own military readiness, the bill provides \$4.4 billion to replenish the items that were sent to Israel. Funds are also provided for the Secretary of Defense, personnel, and the safe return of American citizens.

This is the first step in the process, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the bill so we can find a way to get funds to Israel as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we live with deepening crises around the world, and America's leadership is being challenged like at no other juncture in our history. You can be sure Putin is watching. Ayatollah Khamenei is watching. Are they going to see a united and strong America that shows why we are admired and why we are exceptional?

This Congress is called to respond to the crises in Ukraine, Israel, the Indo-Pacific, and here at home on our border, and I hoped we would be debating a bill that rose to the seriousness of these crises without delay. However, this bill fails Israel, and this bill fails the 1,400 Israelis and 36 Americans who were slaughtered in their homes and on the streets in cold blood.

Those brutal massacres recalled the Holocaust. This is a holocaust, a different kind of massacre, that demanded that Israel act against Hamas with the support of the United States.

What the House Republicans have done is unprecedented and will mean any aid to Israel will be delayed.

First, it puts a poison partisan bill that removes funding to ensure the richest Americans and corporations pay taxes. It is supposedly paid for with cuts to the IRS of \$14.3 billion,

which the CBO says will nearly double the cost of this bill and add \$12 billion to the deficit. It furthers the Republican goal of keeping billionaires and the big corporations from paying taxes.

Second, it is conditioning an emergency appropriation. We do not condition emergency appropriations.

Understand, this is the first time we have conditioned aid to Israel. Is Israel less important than other national emergencies? Is Israel just a budget line? Is it just more fodder for the partisan wars that polarize America?

It is outrageous that a major emergency funding bill in response to the worst attack on Jewish people since the Holocaust is tied to offsets. Israel, our closest ally in the Middle East, is reeling from a terrorist attack and urgently needs our support.

This bill tells our allies that should they find themselves in an existential war for their democracy and their freedom, we will not put aside our partisan wars.

This bill abandons Ukraine. We will not abandon Israel, and we will not abandon Ukraine, but their fortunes are linked.

Ukraine's fight for democracy and sovereignty requires decisive action and absolute support from the free world. We must act like the leaders of the free world.

This bill tells America's border communities that they cannot count on us for security or support.

Let me go to another critical part of this bill. It provides only military aid. It provides no humanitarian aid for the innocent civilians caught in the middle of this war. Are you watching the unfolding of this war and have no humanity?

Let me remind the Speaker of his colleague's nominating speech. Congresswoman STEFANIK recalled "In God We Trust" emblazoned over the Speaker's chair. The Speaker reiterated "In God We Trust." The Speaker said to look to the Bible to know his thinking, and I, too, look at my Catholic faith.

In this critical bill, we remove all help for the civilians being killed in this war.

Hamas is responsible for spreading a humanitarian crisis as it builds its armaments deep inside civilian centers, but the bombing of the Jabalia refugee camp created unacceptable civilian losses.

We need a humanitarian pause, and that is why we need a serious bill that addresses all the national security crises facing our country and that reaches for support in both parties.

House Democrats are ready to work with House Republicans on legislation that supports our allies abroad, including Israel and Ukraine; protects our national security; provides humanitarian assistance; secures our border; and makes much-needed domestic investments. House Republicans so far refuse to join us at the negotiating table.

We need to prove, as we did in the years after World War II and through-

out the Cold War, that we can protect, defend, and nurture global democracy as the preeminent form of governance at the same time we serve the American people.

□ 1530

Our allies and the American people have no more time to wait. We must now act to defend our allies, protect civilians, and serve the American people's urgent needs. This bill does none of the above, so I urge my colleagues to withhold their support.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 6126, which provides security assistance to Israel, supports the security of our embassy personnel, enables the evacuation of U.S. citizens, and strengthens the ability of our industrial base to respond to this crisis.

On October 7, Hamas terrorists carried out a barbaric attack on Israel that took the lives of more than 1,400 innocent Israelis, including 32 American citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I stand firmly behind Israel's right to defend itself and destroy the Hamas terrorist organization. The world would be a safer place once that organization is eliminated.

Last week, the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 771—a resolution which I cosponsored—by a vote of 412-0. That resolution reaffirms the United States' commitment to Israel's security. The bill we are considering today delivers on that commitment.

This legislation contains \$14.3 billion for Israel. As chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, I strongly support the bill's robust funding, which includes \$4 billion for the Iron Dome and David's Sling missile defense systems;

\$1.2 billion for the Iron Beam defense system, which is a promising new technology which will, I think, be both helpful to Israel and the United States;

\$800 million for production of 155-millimeter rounds, which we need to get our supply chain rolling again;

\$198 million for the production and development of small-diameter bombs and precision-guided rockets;

\$4.4 billion to replenish the U.S. stocks transferred to Israel, such as precision-guided and other critical munitions, as well as medical supplies for Israel's Defense Forces; and

\$3.5 billion in Foreign Military Financing program funding for Israel.

Mr. Speaker, Israel is at war. Hamas continues to launch rockets at Israel. They still hold hundreds of hostages. Israel must respond to this unprovoked attack on its people, defend itself, and fight to prevent future attacks. The United States will stand with them.

Voting for this bill will provide much-needed support and send a clear

message to Iran and its proxies that we will defend them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this bill.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of military assistance for Israel and Ukraine and the Indo-Pacific, all regions in which our Nation has forged critical strategic alliances. Make no mistake, in a dangerous world, these precious alliances help secure liberty forward against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

The largest land war since the Second World War is raging on Europe's continent at the eastern edge in Ukraine following Russia's initial brutal invasion in 2014.

The question before us is: What is liberty's worth for our generation? We are not being asked to fight, but only to aid Ukraine's valiant soldiers to drive Russia, the third largest military in the world, out of their homeland.

It is day 617 of that brutal war. Few believed Ukraine could shoulder this wretched war beyond a few weeks, but Ukraine's will to win inspires us and subjugated people everywhere.

Over centuries, Ukrainians survived the absolute butchery of Lenin, Stalin, and now Putin, all tyrannical mass murderers. No place on Earth lost more lives to mass murder and forced starvation than did Ukraine during the 20th century, 10 million to 14 million people, only God knows.

Now is the time to turn a page for liberty in the annals of history. This GOP's leadership's willful ignorance of the history of Russian oppression and murder is mind-bending. The necessity for America, the leader of the free world, to defend liberty, will prevent the blood of Putin's tyranny running across not just more of Ukraine, but of Europe and likely other places, including the Middle East.

Putin has refused to condemn Hamas and has gone as far as comparing Israel's defensive actions to Nazi Germany's seize of Leningrad. In return, Hamas has called Russia its friend.

They understand these conflicts are connected. Why don't we?

Vote "no," the imperative vote for liberty.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Texas for her leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of our friends in Israel. I thank the chairwoman and my friend, Ms. GRANGER, for bringing this vital legislation to the floor, for the opportunity to speak on it.

Mr. Speaker, the choice today is pretty clear to me. We either support our Israeli friends, or we don't.

We have heard, and we will continue to hear complaints about the funding offset and the lack of non-Israel funding in this bill, and each Member is entitled to their opinion, but, at the end of the day, this bill will provide over \$14 billion in support of Israel in its war against these murderous terrorists. That is the important part.

These aren't just numbers, Mr. Speaker, on a piece of paper. Real lives are at stake here. This funding will save Israeli lives through replenishment of its missile defenses, it will give Israel the ability to rid the world of dangerous terrorists, and it will help reestablish deterrence in the Middle East at a time when Iran is aggressively advancing on all fronts.

What happened on October 7 was tragic. No one, not one person, can argue that the cruel and gruesome atrocities were justified. Israelis were killed in their homes, massacred for having different religious beliefs than their terrorist attackers. Unfortunately, these actions have not been met with universal condemnation, not even in this very House.

Mr. Speaker, I have personal experience in this region. I commanded troops with a U.S. battalion of a multinational force and observers in the Sinai Peninsula responsible for maintaining peace between Israel and Egypt. Thankfully, we were and continued to be successful at that mission, but unfortunately we still see terrorists' violence aimed at Israelis simply trying to live their very lives.

Israel has a right to defend itself. It needs their freedom of action to do so. We did not accept arbitrary restrictions on our actions following 9/11, nor should we place any restrictions on Israel's response.

This House has a habit—to both sides of the aisle—to search for the perfect bill instead of taking something that is good for the moment, a bill that makes incremental progress, as we speak.

I implore all Members to reject the demand for the perfect and, instead, support the good. Support this vital funding, and then we can move to support our Ukrainian friends, rebuild our defense industrial base, and improve our conventional military capabilities to enhance our deterrence against PRC threats.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this bill.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, to remind my dear friend from Arkansas that this bill, for the first time, would condition aid to Israel, which is something we have never done before.

Thank you Ranking Member DELAURO.

Mr. Speaker, the United States faces two immense national security crises at one time. Russia's illegal and unjust invasion of Ukraine, and Israel's military response to the barbaric Hamas terrorist attacks of October 7th.

I commend President Biden for swiftly sending a comprehensive emergency appropria-

tions request that addresses attacks on both democracies and addresses the crisis in Israel and Gaza.

I fully believe Israel deserves support for its security after children and families were hunted down and attacked in their own homes by Hamas terrorists. At the same time our country cannot ignore the suffering of children and their families in Gaza who are in immediate danger and desperately need humanitarian assistance and a safe place to be.

That is why it is so disappointing that a fringe, extreme minority in the Republican Majority has insisted on bringing this bill to the floor.

On numerous votes, more than 300 House members on both sides of the aisle are on record supporting Ukraine's fight for freedom, along with the Senate and the President.

The Republican bill ignores the urgent need to sustain support for our NATO allies and Ukraine, effectively abandoning their democracy and their ability to protect their people against Russian aggression. Putin himself claims "if the aid stops tomorrow, [Ukraine] will live for only a week [until] they run out of ammo."

This bill fails to include urgently needed humanitarian assistance for Palestinian civilians in Gaza who are in immediate harm's way.

The situation there currently for families and children is rapidly deteriorating because countless Palestinians lack access to food, safe shelter, medical supplies, and even potable water.

Humanitarian assistance must flow faster.

All hostages must be released.

And we must work with the United Nations and regional partners on a ceasefire that every involved party is held to.

We must work together to bring the conflict to an end before it escalates further.

Until then, declared safe areas must be truly safe for innocent civilians in Gaza fleeing violence.

For the security of both Israeli and Palestinian families—the violence must stop.

Finally, this bill ignores the longstanding bipartisan precedent of providing emergency appropriations without an offset.

This so-called pay-for cuts funds from IRS tax enforcement that will only enable more tax evasion by rich tax cheats costing taxpayers money.

President Biden has already said he will veto this ill-conceived bill.

We are wasting precious time on a bill that's dead on arrival.

Therefore, I stand in strong opposition and urge my colleagues to oppose this bill that fails to meet the moment.

We cannot let a handful of extremist MAGA Republicans dictate our foreign policy.

I yield back.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Defense.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the United States faces two immense national security crises at one time: Russia's illegal and unjust invasion of Ukraine, and Israel's military response to the barbaric Hamas attacks on October 7.

I commend President Biden for swiftly sending a comprehensive emergency

funding request to Congress to address both crises.

The President's request provides Ukraine with security assistance necessary to defend its democracy from Putin's invasion. The President also addresses the broad scope of the crisis in Israel and Gaza.

Israel deserves security after the Hamas terrorists hunted down and attacked children and families in their own homes, and right now, innocent children and families in Gaza are in immediate danger and in desperate need of humanitarian aid.

That is why it is unfortunate that a few fringe Republicans insisted on bringing this bill to the floor, a bill that President Biden says he will veto.

Why? Mr. Speaker, more than 300 bipartisan House Members voted and supported Ukraine's fight for freedom along with the Senate and the President, yet this bill eliminates urgently needed funding for Ukraine, abandoning their democracy to Russian regression.

This bill has no humanitarian aid for the Palestinians in Gaza who are suffering without access to food, water, and even safe shelter.

Mr. Speaker, for the security of both the Palestinians and Israeli families, the violence must stop, and all hostages must be released.

We must work with the United Nations and regional partners on a ceasefire that holds every party accountable. Until then, declared safe areas must be truly safe for civilians fleeing violence.

Finally, this bill ignores the bipartisan precedent of emergency appropriation bills without an offset, and theirs is no offset. In fact, the CBO says this bill would add to the deficit, cutting enforcement for tax evasion.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF).

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairwoman for her leadership and bringing this crucial security package that provides much-needed aid and support for Israel, our greatest ally in the Middle East.

Israel has every right to defend herself from terrorists who have brutally murdered over 1,400 men, women, and children. As I stand here today, I quote Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu: "If the Arabs lay down their arms there will be no more war, but if Israel lays down its weapons there would be no more Israel."

It is essential that we demonstrate our unwavering support for the State of Israel.

I urge my colleagues strongly to support this package that is so crucial for our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I will be quick, but hopefully pointed.

If the Republicans had not put a poison pill on this bill, it would pass on suspension with over 400 votes, but they did not do that.

Mr. Speaker, we must provide Israel with the resources it needs to protect itself and the Israelis, a mission that I absolutely support, and we must do it now.

However, I rise in strong opposition to this legislation, the dangerous precedent it sets, and the unsettling message it sends. At any point, the majority could and should have put a bill on the floor providing crucial aid to Israel and Ukraine.

The Israel bill alone would get over 400 votes, and support for Ukraine has consistently gotten 300 votes. The new Speaker chose neither.

Instead, he has constructed a political gotcha bill. The majority tries to score political points at the expense of Jewish lives and the competence of both our allies and enemies in our resolve and reliability. They undermine the critical aid for Israel with their misguided attacks on the IRS, delaying this vital funding for our ally while adding \$12.5 billion to the deficit.

□ 1545

That is the exact opposite of what the offset claims to be its objective. How ironic. How perverse. The only thing this bill offsets is America's reputation and the world's greatest defender of democracy. It signals to Putin, Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, Xi Jinping, Kim Jong-un, and other despotic regimes around the world that America may no longer be willing to pay the price of freedom. Such doubt is dangerous. It signals to our allies that our support is contingent, not on our shared values, but on partisan issues unrelated to this bill.

Vote "no" for Israel, and for precedent.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. MILLER).

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in a time of great need and urgency to support an emergency supplemental aid package to our great ally and the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel.

For nearly a month now, the world has watched the bombardment of brutal terrorist attacks against Israel. The sheer evil and terror that have been brought upon the Israeli people by these barbaric savages cannot be met by silence or inaction. As Hamas continues its heinous attacks against Israel, we must continue to send a message to the world and leaders of Hamas that the United States stands with Israel and supports its absolute right to exist.

In our first action under Speaker JOHNSON, the House overwhelmingly passed a resolution reaffirming support for Israel. Following that up, this sup-

plemental aid to Israel is a necessary step. Such aid will provide Israel with the critical resources it needs to defend itself and mount a response that will allow for the elimination of the threat of Hamas.

As our strong ally in the Middle East, the United States must continue to stand firmly with Israel and provide support for it to defend its right to exist against those who wish it would cease to be.

As one of two Jewish House Republicans, I urge all of my colleagues to support this aid package and to stand firmly behind Israel and the Israeli people.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ), the ranking member of the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in pain. As Florida's first Jewish Congresswoman, the debate we are having today is deeply personal. I have never felt this magnitude of agony, shock, and anger burning in the hearts of the entire Jewish community. For me, for many of us, this goes beyond our belief in the survival of the Jewish state and rises far above politics as usual.

Today should be a moment of unity for this Chamber, a time where partisan games and showmanship are put aside. The House should be voting on a simple bill to provide urgent security assistance to Israel in her battle against Hamas terrorists. This same terrorist organization that perpetrated intentional genocidal violence on Israeli civilians on October 7, who just yesterday vowed to repeat that massacre over and over again.

That is why this House should send a clean bill to the Senate. Instead, Speaker JOHNSON is willingly jeopardizing Israel's security by making support for Israeli existence contingent on issues totally unrelated to its security. He has taken an unprecedented step and one with potentially fatal consequences.

I have seen statements from colleagues across the aisle since October 7, ones proclaiming an ironclad commitment to Israel. I have heard their promises over the years to never condition aid to Israel. You know you have looked pro-Israel leaders in the eye and promised that you would never do that. Think about it. But here we are.

We cannot send a message to our strongest ally in the Middle East, especially in this dire hour of need that the U.S. will only support Israel if we can score political points against Democrats. We cannot hold Israel security captive as she reels with over 230 of its citizens still being held hostage. That is why last night I offered an amendment that would have eliminated this offset, which isn't an offset.

It would have eliminated the false choice Republicans are forcing upon us by tying Israeli security assistance to

unrelated policy debates. Yet to my dismay, but not surprise, my colleagues across the aisle rejected my amendment, preventing it from even being voted on on the floor today. When given the chance to fix their mistake, Republicans rejected it, once more opting for political gamesmanship.

Our sole Democratic ally in the Middle East deserves better. Don't try to say you have Israel's best interest at heart if you are willing to jeopardize Israel's security in this way. The Israeli people deserve better.

"Am Yisrael Chai," "The people of Israel live."

Mr. SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE), a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act which provides \$14.3 billion in critical military assistance to our great ally, Israel, while also replenishing our own defense stockpiles and ensuring the safe return of American citizens impacted by Hamas' barbaric terrorist attack on Israel.

On October 7, Iran-backed Hamas terrorists committed heinous attacks on the people of Israel. In the days following this savage onslaught, the world has watched in horror as images and reports reveal the vile depths of Hamas' depravity. These terrorists have perpetrated barbaric, sadistic, and evil acts against innocent Israelis, including burning and decapitating babies, raping women, abducting families, and murdering over 1,400 people.

Tragically, more than 30 Americans were also murdered by Hamas in Israel on that day while several Americans remain held hostage by the terrorists in Gaza. In response to these atrocities, the Israel Security Supplemental reinforces Israel's defense systems by providing \$4 billion to replenish the Iron Dome and David's Sling missile defense systems, \$3.5 billion for the procurement of advanced weapons systems, and \$1.2 billion for the Iron Beam defense system to counter short-range rockets and mortar threats.

This is not time for a cease-fire or a pause in any way, Mr. Speaker. This is a time to crush Hamas, eliminate their leadership, and obliterate their fighters. I am so thankful that there is humanitarian aid here that could possibly get into the hands of Hamas.

This bill will help Israel do exactly what it needs to do, and that is defend itself. This bill also provides 200 million for the protection of U.S. personnel in Israel and evacuations of U.S. citizens to ensure that Americans can return safely to the United States.

Finally, under Speaker JOHNSON's leadership, this bill is fully offset by a rescission of IRS funding taken out of the reckless inflation expansion act.

This commonsense solution ensures that we can assist our strongest ally in the Middle East without further burdening American taxpayers by irresponsibly borrowing millions of dollars. I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY), the ranking member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, when I came to this House, I was told a cardinal rule is we are not going to let Israel become a partisan issue. The manner in which this supplemental is moving forward does just that. It is dangerous, and it is unnecessary. It is also a dangerous game my colleagues across the aisle are playing with our national security. Removing Ukraine aid from this package sends a message to Putin and the rest of the world that our aid is conditional on political climate.

It is clear that some of my colleagues have forgotten why Ukraine's fight is so important; what it means to democracy across the world. Let's remind them.

This past weekend, we traveled to Kyiv and met with President Zelenskyy. We discussed the critical role the U.S. plays in the war and what else has to be done in the coming winter. Munitions are dwindling, and the needs are increasing. Not only is Putin certain to view the current crisis in the Middle East as a distraction from Ukraine that can be used to his advantage, but antagonists in both conflicts are connected through him. Just last week, Russia hosted representatives from Hamas and Iran. Iran is supporting both Hamas' attacks on Israel and is believed to be assisting Putin in his assault on Ukraine.

Ukraine believes that 1,000 Iranian-designed drones were used by Russia over the past 6 months alone. We do not have to choose which crisis to respond to. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said: "We have the capability and the strength to address different challenges at the same time. We don't have the luxury of choosing only one threat and one challenge."

If we want to hold Hamas accountable, defeating Putin in Ukraine is also in our best interest. Anyone who tries to argue that a choice must be made between Ukraine and the American people or Ukraine and Israel is presenting a false dilemma.

We must help Israel defend itself in the face of terrorism while simultaneously supporting Ukraine in their war against an autocratic invader.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the appropriations chair, my good friend from Texas, for yielding and for bringing this important legislation, which I strongly support.

We have seen the atrocities in Israel. We have also stood by Israel. In fact, the United States is proud to be the first country that recognized Israel as a Jewish state on the heels of World War II as the nations were coming together and recognizing the importance that we all get behind a Jewish state. Unfortunately, from that day there were always people around the neighborhood who wished Israel harm.

Over time, you have seen peace agreements, Abraham Accords, but you have always seen seeds of discord. Of course, the biggest discord started with Iran funding terrorist organizations like Hamas. Hamas took action weeks ago, atrocities that are hard to repeat that we have seen and the world needs to continue to see because, unfortunately, as the world is seeing the atrocities, while we recognize the lives that have been lost—not only Israelis, Jews, Americans, Palestinians—but you also see the ugly head of anti-Semitism popping up.

Here on college campuses in the United States, other places around the Nation and the world, where anti-Semitism seems to rise its ugly head at times when Israel seems to be in a dangerous position, these are times when we all need to be standing with Israel, giving them the tools they need to make sure they can defend themselves against these atrocities. That is what this legislation does.

In fact, we worked with the leadership in Israel. We worked with the Biden administration, the Pentagon, and others who know what is at stake. We have had long-time partnerships in our strength and our defense systems. If you think about the Iron Dome and David's Sling weapons systems that will be replenished with this legislation, a lot of this is American technology that has been partnered with Israel over many, many years to save lives in Israel.

And as those weapons systems get depleted, we need to make sure they are replenished; the Iron Beam system, a more advanced missile systems. Some of the other partnerships that we have had for a long time, that is also funded in this bill. We are making sure that Israel has the tools they need.

We came out of the box ensuring, under Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, that we send a strong message to the world that we support Israel, passing strong legislation to unite behind Israel. But now we need to back that up with action, with the support in military strength that they need to continue this conflict.

And it is actually paid for; paid for not by taking away existing IRS agents, but tens of thousands of new proposed IRS agents. And where are they coming from? Who are they going after? If you look at the CBO report, the proposed IRS agents that we would be defunding in this, we are actually helping President Biden keep his promise. You heard over and over again, President Biden said no American



making under \$400,000 will pay a dime in new taxes. We all heard that. It was a promise made over and over again, except President Biden broke that promise.

Families making under \$400,000 are paying more in new taxes, and part of that is the army of IRS agents that they are sending after people, tens of thousands. Under this bill, these IRS agents that we would be eliminating save the American taxpayers making under \$400,000 a total of \$4 billion. That is \$4 billion back in the pockets of hardworking families who were promised by President Biden they wouldn't see their taxes go up. Yet, he wanted to put tens of thousands of IRS agents looking into and raising their taxes. That won't happen if this bill passes, which is more money they need right now because prices are higher on those families.

□ 1600

At the end day, sending the message that we are willing to stand up to Iran and give Israel the tools they need—tomorrow, we are bringing more legislation, by the way, in the SHIP Act, to put sanctions on Iranian oil. Again, Iran is at the heart and center of funding Hamas.

Hamas started this. As the President talks about a cease-fire, it was Hamas who broke the cease-fire when they invaded and attacked and murdered, barbarically, Israel.

Israel needs the right to defend themselves. They need the tools to defend themselves, but let's also defund Iran and the money they are getting. They made \$80 billion during the Biden administration selling their oil on world markets. We need to pass that legislation tomorrow, which we will, and hopefully in a very big bipartisan vote. We need to start today by passing this legislation to give them the tools they need in Israel to make sure that they can push back and destroy Hamas and protect those citizens in Israel who deserve peace. America has always stood by our ally Israel. Let's continue that today. I urge passage.

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield for a colloquy?

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for the purposes of a colloquy. I still call him Leader HOYER.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. SCALISE and I have been partners in being very, very strong supporters of Israel and making sure Israel has the funds it needs to be successful, sovereign, secure, and safe. We remain in that position.

The reason I asked the gentleman to yield is I don't know what is going to happen to this legislation. I do know that the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee has said this legislation we are considering is dead upon arrival in the Senate. I don't know whether that is the case.

I am no longer the leader, but I will tell my friend, the leader of the Republican Party, that if you would bring a bill to the floor tomorrow that has this \$14.3 billion—I would like it to have Ukraine, but if it doesn't have Ukraine in it, I would like it to have humanitarian relief, but if it doesn't have humanitarian relief—I believe it would pass on suspension overwhelmingly with votes from your side and votes from this side. I would ask the gentleman to consider that alternative.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the conversations that the gentleman and I have had. He has led many delegations to Israel. I think most of us have been to Israel and seen firsthand some of those towns. I have been to Sderot and other cities that have come under attack. I have seen the heartbreak going to some of the kibbutzim and have heard the harrowing stories. We want to make sure they get their relief.

I also know this. Obviously, as we talk about funding of government, we just passed an appropriations bill last night, and we are going to be moving after we get through this bill into two more appropriations bills. We will be working late into the night and tomorrow on more appropriations bills to properly fund government.

If you look at the bills we have already sent over to the Senate, that includes the Defense appropriations bill, that includes more funding for Israel, along with the State and Foreign Operations bill that also includes more funding for Israel.

When we have had heads of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, military leaders, come before us in committees to testify about the major threats globally, they have been asked pointblank: What is the major threat to America? You would think if you are a military leader, you would be talking about maybe China and some of the threats that they pose that we know are very real and other countries. That is not what they talked about. They talked about our Nation's debt, that the Nation's debt is the biggest threat.

If we can do both, support our friends around the world and start confronting our Nation's debt—we are going to have to do this over and over again. The Speaker talked about a debt commission that got a lot of bipartisan interest, in fact, bicameral interest. These are all issues we have to confront at the same time.

We are going to continue to do our work. The Senate could pass that bill to the President's desk, and I think in the end he would sign it. If the Senate passes this bill that we are going to pass today to the Senate, I have no doubt the President would sign this bill.

We have to confront our challenges here. We need border security. As we talk about Ukraine, we need to secure America's border, because we know there are people on the terrorist watch list coming into our country right now that we cannot ignore.

This administration might be ignoring it. Democrat mayors and Republican mayors alike recognize it is a problem in major cities that has to be confronted. We are going to confront it and continue to work on those issues, as well. All of this has to be dealt with at the same time. None of this happens in a vacuum. Many of these problems are interrelated. We are going to continue to confront all of them and work as we can hopefully together. Obviously, today maybe we might not all be on the same page. Tomorrow, I think on that Iran oil sanctions bill, we will be closer, but we have to keep working through these issues together.

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield for a colloquy?

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for a colloquy.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is very generous.

The irony, as I pointed out, Mr. Speaker, is that in the pay-for that they have used, CBO scores that as a \$12.5 billion increase in the debt, not a decrease. The reason for that is, it cuts \$28 billion, essentially, that we would otherwise collect and that we spend \$14 billion of that, so there is a net \$12 billion plus remaining to add to the deficit.

I understand and I agree with the gentleman that the debt is important. We need to deal with it. I agree with his observation that our defense officials see that as a clear and present danger to our country. We need to deal with it. I suggest respectfully to the gentleman that the offset does not accomplish that objective.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, one final point on that. Obviously, if you look at the history of CBO, they are the referee, the scorekeeper that has to be used. They have often been wrong. I would say often wrong but never in doubt. When they are wrong, they are usually wrong to the detriment of taxpayers.

Here is a classic example. Only in Washington does eliminating government positions count as something that is going to cost the deficit. Getting rid of the size of government is ruled by CBO as increasing the deficit, but they exposed a dirty little secret about these new IRS agents. I emphasize "new." These are not existing employees. This is tens of thousands of new IRS agents that President Biden wants to hire. It exposed that the only way that they generate money is by raising taxes on families, including those making under \$400,000. In their report, they point this out.

If you are an American citizen who believed Joe Biden's promise that you will not pay a dime in new taxes if you make less than \$400,000—and he said it over and over again; it is on video—that promise is broken, according to the CBO in this report, to the tune of over \$4 billion in new taxes that those families will be paying. Those are not existing taxes. They are new taxes those families will be paying.

If you want to save \$4 billion in taxes and you are one of those families that bought the promise—and, frankly, in times of high inflation, high interest rates, high cost for everything from gas to groceries, no family should be paying more in new taxes. I would argue this bill will save those families a lot more money than what those new IRS agents were going to collect in new taxes, and we are doing them all a favor while also helping address a serious spending problem in Washington and standing with our ally Israel, most importantly.

Mr. Speaker, that is why we need to pass the bill.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL), a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am standing here as a Member of Congress because my grandfather, Abe, was able to flee Europe as the Nazis took over.

Then on October 7, it happened again. Hamas' barbaric attack on Israel was the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust. Make no mistake, Hamas are terrorists out to kill all Jews and destroy Israel, and other enemies in the region are on the same mission.

Reaffirming Israel's right to exist, Golda Meir said: "Jews have nowhere else to go."

Mr. Speaker, the United States has a moral duty and national security urgency to aid Israel in defending herself. We must send an unmistakable message to the world that we stand with Israel. I hope that as this process moves forward, we will all come together to do just that.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Texas for yielding.

Peace through strength. This is the principle that is called upon us today. If we are truly the beacon of democracy for all the world, we must help our greatest ally, Israel. We must help them from the threats to its very existence.

It is a message to the world that we stand with our allies; that we will help shield Israel from the rockets of Hamas; that we will help shield Israel from the death, the torture, the rape of babies and children and mothers and fathers and grandmothers and grandfathers.

We have seen the face of evil. We will take a resolute stand against terrorism wherever it is and whenever it is. It is an unwavering commitment to Israel's absolute right to defend itself, its absolute right to do whatever is necessary.

I implore all my colleagues, let us stand with Israel. This is a simple yes-or-no vote. Vote "yes" to stand with Israel. It is right. It is necessary.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman cared about what is happening to women, children, and babies,

there would be humanitarian assistance in this package.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this bill, which for the first time conditions emergency, essential aid to Israel on cuts to the domestic budget. The majority is attempting to divide Congress for purely partisan gain. It is despicable.

I stand here as a proud progressive Zionist. Support for Israel is built into my DNA. My wife lived in Israel. I have family in Israel. I was horrified by the events of October 7. It was a traumatic moment for Israel and a traumatic moment for the global Jewish community. I remain committed to doing whatever I can to support our ally Israel in its fight against the terrorist organization Hamas, especially since Hamas' statement last night that they would repeat the October 7 massacre over and over until Israel is no more.

I look forward to voting for President Biden's complete supplemental military and humanitarian aid package, including strategic and military assistance to Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan, and humanitarian assistance to Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine to deal with extreme crisis conditions caused by two major wars.

Today's vote is not about supporting Israel. It is not about global security. Rather, today's vote is on a divisive political maneuver that leads us down a dark road. It sets a dangerous precedent, pitting our national security and support for democratic allies against domestic expenditures. When Israel needs more funds, will we have to find another offset?

It must be repeated. This so-called offset will actually increase the deficit, all while allowing the wealthiest to cheat on their taxes. As the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has made clear, it would add \$12.5 billion to the deficit in the next decade.

I will proudly support emergency supplemental aid to Israel. I look forward to voting for that bill, but the bill we are voting on today is just a partisan game. It is an insult to Jewish Americans, and it is an insult to our ally Israel.

The pro-Israel vote is a "no." I will proudly vote "no," reject this unprecedented partisanship, and wait for a genuine bill to aid Israel.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER).

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, we must stand with Israel in its time of need. This funding will go a long way toward ensuring that Israel has the ability to defend itself from the horrific campaign of terror waged by Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and other terrorists organizations.

What occurred on October 7 is akin to what happened to our country on December 7, 1941, or September 11, 2001.

Israel has a right to defend itself and fight back against those who would see them eradicated from the face of the Earth. No one told the United States after Pearl Harbor or 9/11 not to hold the perpetrators of those attacks accountable.

The perpetrators of this attack on Israel are an insidious organization that has attacked their country. Hamas' stated goal is the elimination of the State of Israel, and by extension, the genocide of the Jewish population living in it. We cannot let that happen.

□ 1615

We cannot let that happen. We have Members in this body who have voted against condemning Hamas and voted against holding Iran accountable. Members of this body are calling for a cease-fire despite the fact that Hamas has already stated this is just the first step. They will not abide by a cease-fire.

This legislation before us today would provide \$14.3 billion in aid to Israel. This is a significant defense supplemental that includes \$801.4 million in extra funding for ammunition procurement, \$3.5 billion in funding for foreign military financing, \$50 million in evacuation assistance support for the U.S. Embassy in Israel, \$4 billion for Iron Dome and David's Sling defense systems and other Defense-wide procurement, and \$38.6 million for Air Force procurement.

This bill is necessary for our closest ally in the Middle East, which is why I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to join us in passing this critical aid for Israel to show our support for this beacon of hope and freedom in the Middle East.

We cannot let our differences divide us on this critical issue. We cannot allow the bright candle of democracy in the Middle East to be extinguished by Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran. We cannot allow Israel to lose.

This legislation is not conditioning aid. It is paying for it. Apparently, my Democratic colleagues still don't understand that we cannot just continue to borrow and print new money at every opportunity.

We have a debt that is approaching \$34 trillion. It costs money, and we have to pay for it. To oppose this simply because you don't like the fact that there is an offset is absurd.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to everyone joining in passing this bipartisan legislation.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on September 29, the gentleman who just spoke voted for a billion-dollar cut to Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this measure.

First, let the record be clear: There is no question that we all support Israel. The fact of the matter is, Chairman



MCCAUL and I worked very hard together to make sure that there was one voice on the very first vote once the Speaker was selected to say that we all support Israel, bringing us together.

There are some decisive votes that we take as Members of Congress that will stick with us, and one of those votes is this one, H.R. 6126. Congress has a proud bipartisan tradition of acting rapidly to pass emergency funding for critical national security needs. This legislation breaks that long and important tradition.

Once we set the precedent of conditioning assistance to partners and allies in essential fights with poison pills, it is hard to go back. We can't unring that bell.

We have stood in a bipartisan way to prevent conditioning aid to Israel. Yet, here we are, considering a bill today that does exactly that.

Disappointingly, this bill doesn't include the \$9.15 billion the administration had requested to address global humanitarian needs, including Gaza, undermining our values and the Biden administration's careful diplomacy and bipartisan support for Israel.

We are a nation that aims to use its powerful good in this world. That has been our guiding principle drawn from the lessons learned when we look away. Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford to look the other way as Ukraine faces a vital moment and critical munitions shortfalls. We can't afford to look the other way as countries in the Indo-Pacific are looking to the United States for leadership as we engage in strategic competition with China. Are we prepared to signal to the world that we are looking away?

Mr. Speaker, let's reject this bill, which trades our long-term national security for a fleeting political advantage. Let's get back to work.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding and for her leadership on protecting Israel and providing them the means to protect themselves.

Mr. Speaker, our great friend and ally, Israel, with assistance from the U.S., continues to respond to the cowardly Hamas invasion that includes psychotic terrorists butchering innocent civilians, rape, hostage-taking, the beheading of babies, and the daily indiscriminate missile attacks that are reminiscent of Nazi buzz bombs and V-2 rockets.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that he would never allow a second Holocaust, nor should we. Anti-Semitism, as we all know, is at the root of Hamas violence against Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask Members to read the charter that was put out by Hamas in 1988. They call for killing Jews—slaughtering Jews. I ask every Member to read it. They demand the destruction of Israel—that there be no Israel—

that they eviscerate it from planet Earth.

This important bill provides \$14.3 billion to provide military assistance to Israel, including \$4 billion to replenish Iron Dome and David's Sling, \$3.5 billion for foreign military financing, \$1.2 billion for the continuing development of the Iron Beam system, and so much more.

Mr. Speaker, like the Nazis before them, Hamas and its chief terrorism sponsor, Iran, are committing genocide against the Jews.

Can you believe that Iran is now chairing the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva as of today? That is absurd.

The United States—and all people committed to human rights and the rule of law—must stand with Israel. That means our moral support and our prayers. That means ensuring that critical intelligence be shared, and every weapon system critical in destroying Hamas, including Iron Dome, is conveyed to Israel in quantities commensurate to the challenge and without delay.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important bill, and I call on my friends on the other side of the aisle to support it.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from New Jersey, on September 29, voted for a billion-dollar cut in aid to Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT).

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, this bill is soft on war crimes. The massacres in Mariupol, Bucha, and the kidnapping of Ukrainian children, similar to what happened in Israel, are all crimes against humanity. Like the Holocaust, there is no "other side" justifying these crimes. All of these criminals must be held accountable.

Yet, because of Trump affection for Putin and his little helpers here in Congress, this bill offers absolutely nothing to help fight Russian terrorists and nothing to stop Hamas terrorists, unless well-connected Republican tax cheats get help first.

Nor does defeating Hamas require encouraging collective punishment of the children of Gaza by denying them food, medicine, and water. Immediate Senate correction of the many failings in this bill can produce a balanced bill that I and many others will join in supporting.

A humanitarian pause now, stopping disproportionate responses, represents no surrender to Hamas—rather, it offers the chance to secure the hostages, avoid a wider war, and achieve long-term security.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN).

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Speaker Johnson brought to this floor a bill to prevent the IRS from auditing the wealthy because: "Every time a billionaire cheats on their taxes, a mem-

ber of the House Freedom Caucus earns his wings."

Speaker MIKE JOHNSON said today that Israel can't wait for this critical aid. Then, he brings to the floor a bill that he knows is dead on arrival in the Senate. He knew full well that all he had to do was bring it up without the IRS provisions and it would pass overwhelmingly in this House and the Senate, and would be on the President's desk in a day.

For 50 years, every Israel bill that came to this floor passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. That is critical because Israel has one friend in the world. If Israel becomes a partisan issue, then Israel has one-half of one friend in the world.

Hamas was willing to kill, to decapitate, and to die to undercut world support for Israel, particularly bipartisan support here in the United States. No one has done more than our new Speaker to help Hamas achieve that objective.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER).

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill.

Eighty years ago, the Greatest Generation laid their lives on the line fighting for our country and the free world in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Pacific.

Today, we are facing grave global challenges and threats not seen in decades. The world is again looking to the United States to lead, and we must not shrink from the burdens of our responsibilities.

We are here today talking about Israel and our ironclad commitment to its security. Israel is fighting a war for its survival and must defeat Hamas.

Hamas is a genocidal, nihilistic terrorist organization dedicated to the destruction of the State of Israel and the murder of the Jewish people. There will not be peace for Palestinians or Israelis until Hamas can no longer rule over Gaza or threaten Israel from its borders.

It is also important to understand that Putin's war against Ukraine cannot be separated from Hamas' war against Israel. Success in both wars is imperative for the interests of the United States.

We must demonstrate to our allies and our enemies that we are not just able but are committed to supporting Israel, Ukraine, and our friends in the Indo-Pacific as they defend themselves.

Sadly, at this moment, the new Speaker of the House and the bill he brought to the floor today are coming up woefully short.

Leaders from both sides of the aisle have long accepted three tenets in their support for Israel:

Number one, support for Israel must never be a bargaining chip.

Second, support for Israel is and must remain broadly bipartisan.

Third, aid for Israel must never be conditioned.

This bill violates all three.

Right now, Israel urgently needs our strong support. Meanwhile, Republicans who have too long tried to use Israel as a political, partisan wedge are now conditioning aid to Israel on the partisan demand we defund the IRS.

Reflecting the cynicism of this move, their condition for supporting Israel will not even pay for itself but will dig a fiscal hole \$27 billion deeper.

It will be far better and less costly in blood and treasure if we ensure Russia, Iran, and Hamas are defeated in their current wars than if our enemies achieve strategic victories against Ukraine and Israel, and America has to strengthen our defenses in Europe and the Middle East.

Speaker Johnson's plan is dangerous, reckless, and irresponsible. It is dangerous because it endangers Israel's security. It is reckless because it conditions aid to Israel for the first time. It is irresponsible because it adds \$27 billion to the national debt.

I am fully committed to ensuring that Israel gets the aid it needs as quickly as possible. I will work with anyone, Democrat and Republican, to get this done.

We all know the Senate will send us a robust bipartisan package. I look forward to leading the charge to make sure that package passes overwhelmingly in this House.

I cannot support the terribly flawed, weak, and dangerous bill Speaker Johnson and the Republicans have on the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to reject the cynical bill before us.

□ 1630

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, may I ask how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Connecticut has 2½ minutes remaining.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GOLDMAN).

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you and this body as the only Member who was in Israel on October 7, hiding in a stairwell with my wife and three young kids to avoid rockets sent our way by a brutal terrorist regime. Twenty-seven days later, there are 240 hostages that remain in Gaza. My children are still traumatized, but their trauma does not compare to the trauma every single Israeli feels after the most barbaric and horrific terrorist attack targeting Jews since the Holocaust.

So to my Republican colleagues, please spare me the lectures about what is best for Israel.

Mr. Speaker, you will not find a Member of Congress who is more sup-

portive of Israel than I am. That is why I am so personally disappointed that the House Republicans have chosen to divide us by playing political games with aid for Israel when what Israel needs desperately right now is our unified and unconditional support.

Mr. Speaker, 412 Members of this body voted last week to condemn Hamas and support Israel, but today for the first time ever, Republicans have put conditions on emergency aid to Israel in a purely political ploy designed to divide us. This is a terrible precedent for the future of Israel.

I look forward to supporting the full amount of Israel aid that is in this bill when it comes back from the Senate as soon as possible and without conditions.

Support for Israel may be a political game for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, but this is personal for us Jews, and it is existential for the one Jewish nation in the world that is a safe haven against the rising tide of anti-Semitism across the globe.

This is a shameful effort to use Israel and the Jewish people as a political weapon.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I urge the support of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 6126 is postponed.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 838 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4821.

Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FLOOD) kindly take the chair.

□ 1633

#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4821) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, with Mr. FLOOD (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today,

a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 78 printed in part A of House Report 118-261 offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) had been postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part A of House Report 118-261 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 2 by Ms. HAGEMAN of Wyoming.

Amendment No. 15 by Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

Amendment No. 59 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 60 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 61 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 66 by Mrs. HARSHBARGER of Tennessee.

Amendment No. 70 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 73 by Ms. Boebert of Colorado.

Amendment No. 74 by Ms. Boebert of Colorado.

Amendment No. 78 by Mr. BURGESS of Texas.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

Amendment No. 2 Offered by Ms. HAGEMAN

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 2, printed in part A of House Report 118-261 offered by the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

#### RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 144, noes 280, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 567]

AYES—144

Alford	Carter (GA)	Fry
Allen	Carter (TX)	Gaetz
Armstrong	Cline	Gallagher
Arrington	Cloud	Gonzales, Tony
Babin	Clyde	Good (VA)
Baird	Collins	Gooden (TX)
Banks	Comer	Gosar
Barr	Crane	Graves (LA)
Bean (FL)	Crawford	Graves (MO)
Bergman	Davidson	Green (TN)
Biggs	De La Cruz	Greene (GA)
Billakis	DesJarlais	Griffith
Bishop (NC)	Donalds	Grothman
Boebert	Duarte	Guest
Bost	Duncan	Guthrie
Brecheen	Emmer	Hageman
Buck	Estes	Harris
Burchett	Ezell	Harshbarger
Burgess	Fallon	Hern
Burlison	Finstad	Higgins (LA)
Cammack	Fischbach	Houchin
Carey	Fitzgerald	Hudson
Carl	Franklin, Scott	Huizenga