

House has already approved in the FY 2015 Defense Appropriations Bill.

For the past four weeks, Israel and the Israeli people have been subjected to a relentless attack by the terrorist organization Hamas.

Hamas has fired thousands of rockets from Gaza into Israel, deliberately attempting to kill as many Israelis and damage as much Israeli property as it possibly can.

These indiscriminate attacks would likely have killed large numbers of Israelis and destroyed untold amounts of property except for one thing—the Iron Dome.

The Iron Dome has proven to be a remarkably effective defensive weapon, destroying rockets headed for targets in populated areas, saving lives and protecting property from Hamas's terror from the skies.

It is crucial that the Israelis continue to be able to employ and improve the Iron Dome to repel these terrorist rocket attacks.

The funds we approve today will enable Israel to continue to defend itself and its people from these wanton terrorist attacks.

The clearest way this House can demonstrate that it stands with Israel is by overwhelmingly approving this bill.

Let's show the people of Israel that we stand with them and let's show Hamas, and anyone else who would threaten Israel's right to exist, that we will not stand by and give their ruthless mission even the slightest possibility of success.

FY15 IRON DOME SUPPLEMENTAL

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this emergency supplemental furthering our commitment and support to our steadfast ally through critically-needed funding for the Iron Dome missile defense system.

Israel is currently embroiled in a devastating war on terrorism. For weeks, Hamas, an internationally-recognized terrorist organization, has indiscriminately fired thousands of rockets into Israel and has built miles of tunnels to launch vicious land attacks.

Just yesterday, in a dastardly breach of the humanitarian ceasefire, Hamas operatives reportedly surfaced from a tunnel, killed two Israeli soldiers, and abducted a third, Hadar Goldin. I join the Administration in demanding his immediate and unconditional release.

We are all heartbroken by the devastating loss of human life on both sides. But the fact remains, Hamas is responsible for this war, cowardly booby-traps in UN-health clinics, hiding rockets in UN-run schools, instructing Gazans to ignore Israeli warnings to relocate to protect its weapons instead, and repeatedly violating internationally-backed ceasefires.

Innocent Israelis and Palestinians have already suffered an enormous toll. Yet Hamas remains committed to wreaking fear and havoc on as many civilians as possible.

That is why this measure is vital. Iron Dome has already protected millions of Israelis who must have our full backing.

The additional \$225 million will accelerate production of Iron Dome to counter short-range rockets.

I urge immediate passage.

THEN THEY CAME FOR ME

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, this is just my first term, but during my time here I have seen some truly low moments.

But this is the saddest day so far.

We just voted to send children back to unspeakable violence, and now we are considering deporting young people brought to this country through no fault of their own.

It reminded me of the words of Pastor Martin Niemoller. Words that I have hanging in my office:

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

I ask you Mr. Speaker—who will speak for the unaccompanied children, for the Dreamers, if not us?

H.R. 5230 AND H.R. 5272

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today, I voted in favor of H.R. 5230 because it strengthens our security on the southern border and relieves this humanitarian crisis. This legislation fixes the 2008 law to ensure that a speedy process returns these children safely and swiftly to their homes. It also provides the resources necessary for states and the National Guard to end the immediate problems on the border.

Additionally, I voted in favor of H.R. 5272 because the Constitution demanded it. This administration cannot simply pick and choose

which laws they would like to enforce and which they would like to ignore. My position is clear that I believe we have a broken immigration system and I support reforms that secure our borders, fix our legal immigration system, and address those here unlawfully. However, these reforms should be done through Congress, not executive orders that stretch the authority granted by the Constitution. Additionally, the President's Executive Order attempts to treat a symptom, but not the root of the problem, and it has undoubtedly contributed to the current humanitarian crisis along our southern border. We need to pass laws to fix our immigration system if we want to solve this problem once and for all.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 5230 AND H.R. 5272

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 5230 and H.R. 5272, sham legislation that fails to address the humanitarian crisis on our country's southern border.

I strongly object to the language contained in H.R. 5230 that would amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Re-authorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA). When Congress unanimously passed and President Bush signed the TVPRA, the purpose was to address the flow of child trafficking out of Central America, a process which requires a more extensive review and care for these children. I believe that changes to this law, especially those adopted in haste, would not be in the best interests of our nation or the children who suffer from trafficking. The commercial exploitation of children, especially sexual abuse, is among the most heinous crimes known to humanity and we should not engage in changing policy hastily or without a great deal of deliberation.

I also object to H.R. 5272 which would prohibit the expansion of the President's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and prevent those that otherwise would be eligible for deferred action. This program was designed to protect children who came to this country as minors through no choice of their own. DACA does not confer lawful immigration status, does not alter an individual's existing immigration status, and does not provide a path to citizenship. This legislation is unrelated to the current crisis, and is nothing more than a handout to radical Republicans who have no compassion.

We do this country a disservice with both H.R. 5230 and H.R. 5272. The time has come to pass comprehensive immigration reform now.