The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Mike Johnson (R-LA), announced on Wednesday, 17 April, that he intends to end months of impasse on supplying U.S. aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan with a rare Saturday evening vote on 20 April 2024. Passing this House National Security Supplemental Legislation will involve separate votes on supplying aid to Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan, before uniting them all into one amendment for the U.S. Senate to enact following the House vote.
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, D.C., public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) – urge you to contact your local Representative until Congress brings the House National Security Supplemental up for a vote.

CONTACT CONGRESS TODAY

As presently worded, the Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations portion of the legislation will include “$60.8 billion to address the conflict in Ukraine and assist our regional partners as they counter Russia, $48.3 billion (or 79%) of which will fund the U.S. defense industrial base.”

Additional language therein includes the following stipulations:

- Converts all financial assistance to Ukraine's government into a loan;
- Requires the Administration to submit to Congress within 45 days a strategy establishing specific and achievable objectives, with metrics, that define and prioritize U.S. national security interests;
- Bolsters oversight through in-person monitoring requirements;
- Requires partners and allies to pay their fair share through cost-matching requirements;
- Increases the fiscal limits on several Presidential drawdown authorities;
- $13.4 billion to replenish American defense stockpiles;
- $7.3 billion for current U.S. military operations in the region;
- $13.9 billion for the procurement of advanced weapons systems, defense articles, and defense services;
- $13.7 billion for purchasing U.S. defense systems for Ukraine;
- $26 million for oversight and accountability of aid and equipment provided to Ukraine.
Included within a segment that will be voted on separately from the overall package of House National Security Supplemental legislation is the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity (REPO) for Ukrainians Act. REPO would authorize the confiscation and disposition of ruSSian sovereign assets (which include funds and other property of ruSSia’s central bank, direct investment fund, or ministry of finance) and then depositing those funds into a Ukraine Support Fund established by the legislation. Sanctions additional ruSSian oligarchs as well as Iranian and Chinese technology transfers benefiting UAV warfare in Ukraine are also included in this section.

The 21st Century Peace Through Strength Act (the portion including REPO and additional sanctions) will be voted on as part of H.R.8038, while the Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act will be voted on under H.R.8035.

Asked by Capitol reporters Wednesday evening why he was willing to potentially lose his job over this foreign aid plan, Speaker Johnson responded:

"History judges us for what we do. This is a critical time right now—a critical time on the world stage… I think providing legal aid to Ukraine right now is critically important—I really do believe the intel and the briefings that we’ve gotten. I believe Xi [Jinping] and Vladimir Putin and Iran really are and axis of evil. I think they are in coordination on this. I think that Vladimir Putin would continue marching through Europe if he were allowed. I think he might go to the Balkans next. I think he might have a showdown with Poland or one of our NATO allies. To put it bluntly I would rather send bullets to Ukraine than American boys."

Following the publishing of the draft legislation, President Joe Biden said in a statement that he "strongly" supported the package and called on the House and Senate to back the bills. "I will sign this into law immediately to send a message to the world: we stand with our friends, and we won't let Iran or Russia succeed," Biden said.
House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York stated. “It’s not Johnson’s foreign aid package. It’s America’s foreign aid package in terms of meeting our national security needs... We’re going to do what’s necessary to make sure the national security bill gets over the finish line.”

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer spoke on the Senate floor on Thursday about the urgency of providing aid to Ukraine:

“I remember, during my visit to Ukraine, standing in front of a cemetery in Lviv dedicated to the war dead. Not long before our visit, that gravesite was a parking lot in the middle of Lviv. But it was converted to a cemetery after the city ran out of space to bury casualties. And even as we stood there—even as we observed a moment of silence—a few yards away I could see workers digging even more holes in the ground, to prepare for the more casualties they knew would come. Worst of all, many of these brave soldiers died because they didn’t have supplies and ammunition they needed... The House has continued to drag its feet in sending funding for ammo and air defenses and other basic supplies. I hope that changes at last in the coming days.”

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) on Thursday also addressed his colleagues in the U.S. Senate and warned that it “shouldn’t take an attack on the homeland for America’s leaders to uphold their responsibilities and provide for the common defense”:

“The clear and present danger is just that. It is clear. It is present. And it will grow if we do not act... In Europe a neo-Soviet imperialist is threatening the stability of some of America’s closest allies. Europe is the largest consumer of American products and the largest foreign direct investor in America. Instability in Europe is bad for business!”
In a broadly bipartisan 316-94 vote, the House of Representatives approved a rule on Friday morning, 19 April, that set up the procedure for debating amendments and the eventual passage of Speakers Johnson’s proposed House National Security Supplemental Legislation.

Assisting Ukraine and curbing Russian aggression now will prevent prolonged American involvement in a future worldwide conflict. Your voice is needed NOW as we approach this critical Ukraine House vote.

CONTACT CONGRESS TODAY

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to bring a national security supplemental bill to the floor for a vote.

At a recent hearing on Capitol Hill, U.S. European Commander Gen. Christopher Cavoli emphatically stated that "Ukraine will be outgunned by Russia ten-to-one in weeks without U.S. support."

I implore you to bring a Ukraine security supplemental bill to the floor for a vote NOW! Every day in Ukraine without critical weaponry costs the precious lives of innocents!

Thank you!
Major US Jewish Organizations support House Legislation

US Jewish orgs urge House to pass foreign aid bill providing Israel with more than $26 billion

The Republican Jewish Coalition said it applauds House Republicans for moving forward on the urgently needed legislation.

Political and community Jewish organizations are urging members of the House of Representatives to pass the highly anticipated series of aid bills that will help Ukraine, Israel, and the Indo-Pacific.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) released the text of the bills on Wednesday afternoon and the vote is anticipated to take place Saturday night.

More than $26 billion will be provided to Israel in its effort to defend itself against Iran and its proxies and to reimburse US military operations in response.

Heads of Baltic parliaments thank Speaker Johnson for setting up a vote

18 April, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker,

We want to wholeheartedly thank you for your personal leadership in setting the public for the Congress to demonstrate historic bipartisanship early in support of the collective effort to assist Ukraine. Europe is taking historic steps to strengthen its defence capabilities, but this historically tense time - in which Ukraine does not have, that is why US aid is indispensable at this crucial juncture before Europe’s ability to defend itself has come into its own and we are even more to help Ukraine.

We are counting on Congress to make the right division and approve the assistance package to Ukraine that it so urgently needs. For the sake of standing up to tyrants and aggressors and for the sake of our collective security. Supporting Ukraine is an investment in our collective security future. As you counsel put it, there are moments in time when we simply have to do the right thing, even if it is difficult.

Our joint resolution has helped stop the aggression and liberate a large share of previously occupied territories of Ukraine, but the Russian threat continues to be imminent, which is why we welcome the UK’s convincing leadership and dedication to freedom and security in Europe in this joint effort. The Baltic Security Initiative is in fact one example, one which we cannot be more thankful for. The US has consistently demonstrated strong bipartisan support for Ukraine’s victory in its fight against the Russian invasion.

Today, the world is rapidly moving towards the destruction of the world order. We feel this more and more every day in Europe as Russia and other malign actors use every tool, including hybrid, tools at their disposal to destabilize us. We trust it as our responsibility and our task to prevent this descent into chaos and impunity, and therefore our countries are committed to further increasing our support to Ukraine and its defences forces, seeing it as a considerable investment in our individual and collective security. The aim of all of us must be to consolidate, and all powers must be unified to ensure that this will serve as a significant deterrent to further conflict and will return us to a sense of control and security to our peoples.

With faith in our common democratic values, sincerely yours,

Leif Danielson
President of the Rigigko

Dezis Utneta
Speaker of the Latvian

Yukkoja Jorma
Speaker of the Estonian

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Polish American Congress rallies support for Ukraine Aid

STATEMENT FROM THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

UKRAINIAN SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST CALL/WRITE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Earlier this week, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee introduced a national security supplemental bill for Ukraine. The bill provides $45 billion in assistance to Ukraine, including a package of arms that calls upon the President to “authorize long-range Army Tactical Missiles Systems to the government of Ukraine to assist the Government of Ukraine in defending itself and achieving victories against the Russian Federation.” Votes are scheduled for Saturday evening in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Below please find a link to a summary of the Ukraine, Israel, and Indo-Pacific supplemental bills: [link]

YOUR VOICE IN THIS PROCESS IS VITAL!

The Polish American Congress urges Polish Americans to immediately contact their Representatives and request them to vote in favor of this bill. The Russian invasion of Ukraine presents a security risk to the entire East and Central Europe. Providing Ukraine with necessary military and financial resources will enable it to counter Russian advances and is essential for preservation of security and stability.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE:

1. Call your Representative to request a vote in favor of the supplemental. Be clear in your words.
2. Write a letter to your Representative. You can find a template below.

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Your communication with your Representatives will demonstrate the urgency of additional security assistance to Ukraine.

SAMPLE CORRESPONDENCE:

Dear Representative [Name],

I am aware of the House Appropriations Committee’s initiative for critical supplemental funding for Ukraine. As your constituent, I urge you to support Ukraine.

The supplemental initiative is not only about Ukraine deterring her own country, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, but also an investment in the international and regional security domain. The safety and territorial integrity of Poland and the Baltic region would be jeopardized by a Russian victory and loss of Ukraine’s independence.

Assisting Ukraine and curbing Russian aggression now will prevent prolonging American involvement in a future worldwide conflict. I look forward to your affirmative vote on Ukraine supplemental bill.

Thank you!

Assembly of the Cuban Resistance calls for support of Ukraine Aid

PRESS RELEASE

WE MUST OPPOSE THE ADVANCES OF THE AXIS OF EVIL IN THE WORLD.

Miami, Florida—April 10, 2024—Assembly of the Cuban Resistance—We must not let the Cuban people alone in their fight against the Russian invasion. An invasion that the destabilized Cuban regime, through the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC), has supported by sending young Cubans to repress revolution. The Cuban dictatorship cooperates with Russia, Iran, and China in this conspiracy against the free world.

The axis of evil’s penetration in our hemisphere is growing, as proved by the recent case of the former US president, Richard Machado, who was convicted of spying for decades on behalf of the communist regime in Cuba against the United States security.

The members of the ACR are committed to the struggle for freedom in Cuba and opposing the advances of communism in the world, we believe that we must remain vigilant of what is happening in this momentous period when we are confronted to all these aggressions of our own soil. Therefore, we must join solidarity with our Ukrainian brothers.

The Assembly of the Cuban Resistance (ACR) renews its support against the axis of evil’s violations of freedom, sovereignty, and social peace, including Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, Iran’s attack against Israel, and the invasions that communist-China has made into the free world.

See letter attached.

OPEN LETTER FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CUBAN RESISTANCE URGES U.S. CONGRESS TO PROVIDE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE
COMBATING DISINFORMATION ABOUT UKRAINE

Ukrainian Americans have witnessed an ever increasing amount of outright false accusations about Ukraine leveled by pundits in the media, and worse yet, by elected officials. Whether coming from Tucker Carlson, U.S. Senator J.D. Vance, or Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, such public statements by uninformed voices parroting the words of Russian propagandists can and will have a lasting effect on the flourishing relationship between the United States and its strategic ally, Ukraine.

UCCA urges fellow supporters of Ukraine to set the record straight whenever possible by following our COMBATING DISINFORMATION guide, remembering that:

1. Ukrainians are best suited to discuss matters pertaining to Ukraine;
2. Public officials choosing to speak about Ukraine should visit Ukraine;
3. Reminder: Russia is currently waging war against Ukraine;
4. Reminder: Russia has repeatedly attacked the United States;
5. Ukraine fights against corruption, Russia promotes corruption;
6. Reminder: Ukraine is an ally of the United States, not an enemy.

The United States and Ukraine are bound by the universal values that unite the free people of the world: respect for democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.
Upcoming Events

20 квітня, Воррен Мічиган

21 квітня, Маямі
21 квітня, Воррен Мічиган

Під час було поміж нас
від вокзалу стадії Ольги Яновської
у Кам'янці-Волинському.
До дня рождения народження Ольги Яновської.

21 квітня, м. Нью-Йорк

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Неділя, 20 квітня 2024
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Український Народний Дім
160 2nd Ave.
New York, NY 10003

21 квітня, Лос-Анджелес

THE BALTIQUE AMERICAN FREEDOM LEAGUE
STAND WITH FREE LITHUANIA AND BENGALI WATTS CONGRATULATES THE KREISINGER FOUNDATION ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

21 квітня, Дженкінтаун

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Неділя, 20 квітня 2024
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25 квітня, Дженкінтаун

Diplomacy in War: Roles and Functions of an Ambassador
THURSDAY, APRIL 25
6:00 PM
UKRAINIAN HERITAGE STUDIES
MUSEUM AT MANOR COLLEGE AND VIA ZOOM!

Register at MANOR.EDU/UKRAINE

24 квітня, м. Вашингтон

NATO AT 75:
What's next for the Alliance, Ukraine, and European Society?

26 квітня, Берклі Каліфорнія

Innovation and Resilience in Ukraine:
Military, Geopolitical, and Economic Fronts

Talk + Q&A with
Oleksii Reznikov
Minister of Defense of Ukraine, 2011-2023

Featuring a panel discussion with:
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WHAT IS UCCA?
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

ЦЮ ТАКЕ УККА?
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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