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Immigration/Ukraine

Just before Thanksgiving, 2023, Republicans in both chambers said that they would hold up aid to Ukraine, unless the Senate could reach some agreement on the border.

The Secure the Border Act of 2023, H.R.2 sponsored by Rep. Mario Díaz-Balart (R-Florida). H.R.2 passed in the House of Representatives in 2023 with no Democratic support. Currently, some Senators are working on a bipartisan border/immigration bill, but House Speaker Mike Johnson, warned that this deal is likely “dead on arrival” in the House. They want the Democratic-controlled Senate to take up the House’s strict policy bill passed last year, referred to as H.R.2. So, what is H.R.2?

This bill makes various changes to immigration law, including:

- *imposing limits on asylum eligibility
- * requiring employers to use an electronic system to verify the employment eligibility of new employees.
- * restricting the use of parole to allow aliens to temporarily enter the United States
- * mandates the construction of at least 900 miles of border wall with Mexico.
- *eliminates DACA eligibility for new applicants and prevents current recipients from renewing their protections.
- * prevents the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from processing migrants.
- * rolls back protections for unaccompanied minors.
- * defunds any nonprofit that provides services to undocumented immigrants.
- * does not address legal immigration or deal with the root causes of the increasing number of migrants seeking asylum.

H.R. 2 faces strong opposition from Democrats and immigration advocates, who argue that the bill is harsh, ineffective, and wasteful. President Biden has indicated that he would veto the bill if it reached his desk.