

# [***Here's How The Ukraine Aid Bill Could Pass The House Over GOP Objections***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BBT-TYK1-JBFB-H18P-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A bill that would appropriate $95 billion of taxpayer funds for foreign military aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan could pass the House of Representatives despite objections from the House Republican leadership.

The Senate voted on Tuesday to [*pass*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/13/senate-passes-bill-aid-ukraine-israel-no-border-security-provisions/) the bill, as an amendment to previous legislation [*passed*](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/815/all-actions) by the House, by a vote of 70 yeas to 29 nays, despite the [*objections*](https://twitter.com/SpeakerJohnson/status/1757210505570087039) from House Speaker Mike Johnson and many [*Republican*](https://www.politico.com/news/2024/02/14/ukraine-border-bill-house-00141419) members of the body. Through the use of a [*discharge petition*](https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R45920.pdf), a rarely employed procedural measure, a majority of the House could advance the bill to the floor and pass it. [***(RELATED: House Defeats Israel Aid Bill)***](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/06/house-defeats-israel-aid-bill-no-irs-cuts/)

The [*rules of the House*](https://cha.house.gov/_cache/files/5/3/5361f9f8-24bc-4fbc-ac97-3d79fd689602/1F09ADA16E45C9E7B67F147DCF176D95.118-rules-01102023.pdf), specifically Rule XV, allow members to petition to discharge a bill from consideration by committees, which require the signature of half of all members. If adopted by the House in a majority vote, it enables the petitioning member to bring up the bill expeditiously, which allows for consideration of the bill within two legislative days.

New: Speaker Mike Johnson comes out against a discharge petition that would send Senate foreign aid funding bill to the House floor for a vote without his approval

Senators Mullin and Tillis reached out to house members to support a discharge petition

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The House's rules specify that a bill must have been pending with a committee for over 30 days before it may be discharged.

Bills do not normally advance to the House floor without the approval of the majority party's leadership, whose positions give them significant power in the legislative process, [*according*](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/discharge-petition-house-democrats-foreign-aid-bill/) to CBS News.

“Speaker Johnson should put the bill on the floor one up or down vote. We'll deal with other potential legislative options at a later date,” House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries told the Daily Caller News Foundation on Wednesday.

Jeffries had previously vowed to use “every available legislative tool” to pass the bill, [*according*](https://www.politico.com/live-updates/2024/02/08/congress/dems-open-to-discharge-petition-00140539) to Politico.

Republican Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina, who supports the bill, has reportedly been [*encouraging*](https://twitter.com/AndrewDesiderio/status/1756736814813982896) House members to use a discharge petition to bring the bill to the floor.

“We are not going to be forced into action by the Senate,” Johnson said at a press conference on Wednesday. “[The bill] does not have one word in the bill about America's border.”

Discharge petitions have rarely been successful in the House due to the requirement that members of the majority party oppose their leaders.

“[D]ischarge is designed to be difficult to accomplish and has rarely been used successfully,” the Congressional Research Service [*wrote*](https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R45920.pdf) in 2023.

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TOPSHOT - US House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries(L) hands newly elected House Speaker Mike Johnson the gavel at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, on October 25, 2023. Republicans finally rallied behind a new standard-bearer Wednesday as the US House of Representatives elected its 56th speaker -- ending weeks of party infighting that paralyzed Congress in a period of international and domestic crisis. Louisiana's Mike Johnson, a staunch ally of Donald Trump and who spearheaded legal efforts to overturn the 2020 election, won unanimous support from his party to lead the lower chamber of Congress and draw a line under the chaos. (Photo by TOM BRENNER / AFP) (Photo by TOM BRENNER/AFP via Getty Images)

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