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US House passes \$1.15 trillion military bill expanding Israel cooperation

Bill to fund war on Iran and a handful of Trump priorities passes largely along party lines, faces Senate uncertainty.

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US Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson leaves the chamber as members debate a series of measures at the Capitol in Washington, DC, on July 21, 2026 (J Scott Applewhite/AP Photo)

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Republicans in the United States House of Representatives have narrowly passed a massive \$1.15 trillion military spending package, despite concerns from Democratic lawmakers over the price tag and enhanced military technology [collaboration with Israel](#).

The bill passed in the House on Wednesday by a margin of 216 to 212, largely adhering to party lines, with the exception of six Democrats who voted in favour and seven Republicans who opposed it.

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"Final vote total for the NDAA today which tragically merges our military technology and supply chains with Israel's," Republican Representative [Thomas Massie](#), who has clashed with the White House and been a vocal critic of the war on Iran, said in a social media post responding to the vote.

"Let's hope this version fails in the Senate because Section 219 is a betrayal of our sovereignty."

The 2027 National Defense Authorisation Act, or NDAA, is a reflection of President Donald Trump's request for an enormous increase in the country's already unmatched military budget, seeking to boost spending from \$900bn last year to \$1.5 trillion.

Trump has said the increase is necessary as the US fights a widely unpopular war on Iran, launched by the US and Israel in late February.

The 2027 NDAA has also attracted scrutiny for a measure that would expand military [technological cooperation](#) with Israel, despite growing support among voters for ending military assistance to Israel.

The bill now faces an uncertain future in the Senate, where Democrats are [likely](#) to object to the high cost at a time when the White House is moving to slash access to social programmes. Senate [Democrats blocked debate](#) on the NDAA in a vote last week, with Democratic Minority Leader Chuck Schumer calling it a "permission slip" for the government's war on Iran.

The NDAA is typically seen as a "must-pass" piece of legislation, but this year includes other contentious measures, such as aid for Ukraine. The package also includes the [SAVE America Act](#), a key priority of the president that would impose new restrictions on voting to counter what Trump has falsely portrayed as widespread fraud.

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