

Republicans Cave To Pelosi, Unanimously Vote To Give \$350 Million To Refugees, Migrants

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Republican and Democratic senators unanimously voted to pass a coronavirus relief bill late Wednesday that gives \$350,000,000 to assist refugees and migrants.

Earlier this week, it was [revealed](#) that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's relief package would include \$300,000,000 for refugee assistance.

The new [bill](#), approved by the Senate and now headed to the House, includes an additional \$50 million on top of Pelosi's initial \$300 million for refugees.

On page 817 of the 880-page bill, the measure calls for "an additional amount for 'Migration and Refugee Assistance', \$350,000,000, to remain available until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus."

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17 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-
18 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget
19 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

It's unclear why the amount was increased.

The [vote](#) in the Senate was 96-0, with every member present approving the measure. Trump is expected to sign the measure once it passes the House. ([RELATED: 'I Don't Care! I Don't Care!' — Pelosi Seems To Get Annoyed After CNN Host Asks About Trump's Coronavirus Response](#))

Among Americans, the [coronavirus](#) panic continues to shake the economy. News [broke](#) Thursday morning that almost 3.3 million people filed for unemployment, an unprecedented number. ([RELATED: Ford, GE And 3M Pooling Resources To Make Ventilators, Respirators And Face Shields Amid Coronavirus Pandemic](#))