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Sensenbrenner Statement on Border Fence Legislation Being Sent to President Bush

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.) today issued the following statement on H.R. 6061, the "Secure Fence Act":

"Today Congress is formally sending to the President legislation that will help us gain control over our borders by authorizing fences, surveillance technology, and other means necessary. The legislation will help provide what the public wants and deserves: a secure border controlled by the United States, not by the coyotes and drug kingpins. **Despite**overwhelming support from the public and House Republicans, it is disappointing to once again see that over two-thirds of my Democratic colleagues in the House voted against this effort to gain control of the border. In fact, the Secure Fence Act even garnered 80 votes in the Senate, including from liberal stalwarts such as Senator Boxer and Senator Schumer.

"Securing our borders is imperative for our national security and if we are to address problems associated with illegal immigration. I look forward to President Bush signing this vital legislation."

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