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Seven times Democrats have Tried to Increase Funding for Border Security

Since September 11th, Democrats have tried seven times to improve border security funding. Had they been successful, our country would now have over 6,600 more border patrol agents, 14,000 more detention beds and 2,700 more immigration and customs agents.

1. 2002 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, (Defense Appropriation Bill) HR 3338

[November 28, 2001](#), Democrats opposed the rule so that an Obey Amendment to increase security funding would be made in order.

- Included \$223 million for immigration and border security, including: 790 additional agents for the border, machine readable visa machines at U.S. Consulates and additional detention facilities at the borders.

2. 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, HR 2555

[June 24, 2003](#), Democrats voted against the previous question in order to allow an Obey amendment to increase homeland security funding to be made in order.

- Included \$300 million for 1000 new agents and inspectors, additional air patrols, and equipment.

3. 2005 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, HR 4567

[June 16, 2004](#), Democrats voted against the previous question in order to allow an Obey amendment to increase homeland security funding to be made in order.

- Included \$750 million to address border security.
 - Inspection technology would have increased by \$250 million to \$415 million to purchase 1,000 additional radiation monitors and other equipment.
 - Border agents and inspector staffing would have increased by \$214 million to \$3.4 billion, adding 2,000 more border agents and inspectors to enable DHS to meet the Patriot Act's staffing goal.
 - The Container Security Initiative would have increased by \$86 million to \$212 million to provide 100 new necessary staff.
 - Air operations would have increased by \$100 million to \$358 million to provide for 2 additional northern border air stations.
 - Immigration and customs investigative staff would have increased by \$100 million, or 10%, for 1,000 additional agents.

4. 2005 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, HR 1268, PL 109-13

[May 5, 2005](#) , Democrats offered a motion to send the report back to conference with instructions to increase funding for border enforcement.

- Included \$284 million for border security to fund 550 additional border patrol agents, 200 additional immigration investigators and unmanned aerial vehicles. The funding had been included in the Senate bill, but not in the conference report.

5. 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, HR 2360

[May 17, 2005](#) , Democrats opposed the rule so that an Obey Amendment to increase security funding would be made in order.

- Included \$400 million to meet border security requirements of the Intelligence Reform Act for an additional 500 border patrol agents, 600 immigration investigators, and 4,000 detention beds.

6. 2006 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, HR 4939

[March 16, 2006](#) , Democrats voted for a Sabo Amendment to increase security funding.

- Included \$400 million for installation of 1,500 radiation portal monitors at border locations and \$200 million for additional aviation assets and operations at our land borders.

7. 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, HR 5441, Full Committee

[May 17, 2006](#). Mr. Obey offered two amendments to increase security funding, both were defeated on party line votes of 33-25 and both included \$2.1 billion for border security.

- Included funding for 1,800 additional border patrol agents, 9,000 additional detention beds and 800 additional immigration agents, for additional border air patrols and the planned fifth northern border air wing and for up to 500 additional radiation portal monitors.