

House Approves Ukraine Lend-Lease Bill Aimed at Easing Military-Gear Transfers

The House approved legislation to create a lend-lease agreement to send military equipment to Ukraine, an arrangement similar to how the U.S. supplied Britain during World War II.

The bill, which passed the House in a 417-10 vote Thursday, will waive statutory requirements on the president's ability to transfer military equipment to Kyiv, with the aim of streamlining such shipments. The bill would allow the Biden administration authority to direct [aid such as ammunition, tanks, airplanes, trucks and other supplies](#) to Ukraine.

"The lend-lease is an uncommon tool for uncommon times," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Ohio), a co-chair of the Ukraine caucus.

The legislation passed unanimously in the Senate earlier this month, so it will now head to President Biden for a signature.

"During World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill said to President Roosevelt: 'Give us the tools and we will finish the job.' That is exactly what today's bill will do. It will ensure that America can more easily continue to give the tools of defense...that Ukrainians will be able to use to repel the Russian aggressors," Rep. Tom Cole (R., Okla.) said before the vote.