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Washington, December 23 (RHC)-- The U.S. Congress has approved a bipartisan bill that would expand critical funding to help identify human remains of asylum seekers and migrants who've died in remote areas of the border while crossing into the United States.

The legislation also asks for additional 911 rescue beacons to be deployed in border regions where people often go missing. Thousands of human remains have been found across the U.S.-Mexico border since the U.S. government began enforcing its immigration "prevention through deterrence" policy. The practice pushed asylum seekers and migrants to cross through remote and deadly routes.

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