

# *USA: The trails of war*

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**The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Mike Johnson. Image: publico.es**

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The United States House of Representatives approved with unusual speed a bulky military aid bill for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, which was held up for almost a year in the twists and turns of legislative negotiations between Democrats and Republicans.

Of this package, Ukraine took the largest cut, which will receive just over 61 billion dollars for military expenses, which means that it will be money burned in the bonfires of war, which will not generate any direct benefit for the population.

Of course, President Volodymyr Zelensky was enthusiastic when he received the news because according to allegations, certainly silenced in the major Western media, there are several dirty tricks surrounding the resources for the war.

There are signs of corruption in the purchase of war supplies, which led to the resignation of five governors, Deputy Defense Minister Viacheslav Shapovalov, Deputy Head of the Presidential

Administration Kirilo Timoshenko and Deputy Prosecutor General Oleksii Simonenko. A team created to investigate received more than two thousand complaints in a short time.

The plan approved in the lower house includes 13 billion dollars in military aid to Israel and 8 billion to Taiwan, in the latter case for the purchase of submarines and other means.

What happened in that legislative chamber caused irritation in the leadership of the Republican party, not because they are against the war, but because it gives political oxygen to President Joseph Biden in an election year and there is already talk of removing the leader of that group in The House of Representatives.

Another issue to keep in mind is that when talking about military aid it does not mean money from the government, because it does not generate wealth, it only manages what, in part, the workers give to the country through taxes.

The 82 billion dollars mentioned above are actually taxpayers' money, that is, households or individuals, and their representatives in Congress, with the approval of the Executive, decide to send them to war instead of returning them in the form of better services. public.

An average family of 2.5 members paid almost 18 thousand dollars in taxes in 2021 and in that country there are 131.5 million households, so you, friend, do the corresponding multiplications to know how much you enter the treasury through that means alone, without counting micro, small, medium and large companies.

For many citizens there it will be a bitter discovery to know that they are the ones who pay for the wars in which their country is involved.

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