

House advances bill to fund Trump's immigration actions for the rest of his term



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FILE — Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Air Marshals, patrol around Washington Dulles International Airport, in Chantilly, Va., Tuesday, March 24.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to provide nearly \$70 billion for immigration enforcement narrowly cleared a key procedural hurdle Tuesday in the House as Re-

publicans moved to fund a pair of Homeland Security agencies through the next three years and the rest of President Donald Trump's time in office.

A final vote on the measure is expected later in the day, but Speaker Mike Johnson will need near perfect attendance

and unity on his side to complete weeks of action. The legislation got sidetracked when Republicans sought to include \$1 billion for enhanced security on the White House grounds, including for Trump's new ballroom, and the Trump administration tried to create a

nearly \$1.8 billion fund to compensate allies of the president who claim they have been unjustly investigated and prosecuted. Those proposals proved politically toxic and were scrapped.

Now, the bill is focused entirely on immigration enforcement, a topic that

Republicans have treated as a defining issue between the two major political parties and one they hope will carry them to victory in this year's mid-term elections. The bill provides \$38 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, \$26 billion for the Border Patrol and another \$5 billion to cover unforeseen costs, fueling Trump's deportation agenda.

"It's long overdue," said Johnson, R-La., of the bill. "We have to fund border security and immigration enforcement, and it's sad that Republicans have to do it on our own."

FUNDING ACCELERATES TRUMP'S DEPORTATION AGENDA

The funding comes on top of the nearly \$140 billion that the Republican-controlled Congress gave ICE and Customs and Border Protection last year as part of Trump's tax and spending cuts bill.

Democrats objected to giving the agencies more money without significant changes in the way they operate after the deaths of Alex Pretti and Renee Good in Minneapolis. For example, Democrats insisted that agents remove masks and be required to display their ID badges

during enforcement operations and that they get a judicial warrant before entering private property. Instead, the funding will come with virtually no strings attached.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries vowed his party would oppose the package.

"We believe that taxpayer dollars should be used to make life more affordable for the American people — not give ICE another \$70 billion blank check so that they can unleash brutality on American citizens and violently target law-abiding immigrant communities," said Jeffries of New York.

HOMELAND SECURITY FACED LONGEST SHUTDOWN IN HISTORY

The package is the result of a monthslong standoff in Congress after Democrats refused to fund the Department of Homeland Security in the wake of the immigration enforcement actions in Minneapolis and other American cities, leading to the longest shutdown in agency history.

Negotiations had been underway with the White House to alter ICE operations as Democrats

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sterilizing events, destroying any established life through extreme temperatures. In addition, these meteorite impacts would have released enough energy to melt the entirety of Earth's surface. The intense heat during these events would likewise have evaporated all liquid water and destroyed viable life forms, including the organic building blocks from which life could arise.

According to scientists, the impact of these events on the origin of life could not be more profound. Extensive crater impact and lunar melt-rock studies yield a clear picture of these impact-induced sterilization events. Consequently, a significant time limitation exists for life to arise and evolve on Earth. In short, life could not have evolved any earlier

than 3.8 billion years ago. However, complex photosynthetic life—cyanobacteria found in Stromatolites—appears 2 million years later at 3.5 billion years ago. To further detail, what Carl Sagan believed should have taken "billions of years" seems to have occurred quite rapidly. Nonetheless, it is a long way from goo to you via the zoo.

Just a cursory glance at the proposed sequence of textbook evolutionary events can be outlined in the following way: First, on Earth, the primordial building block chemicals created through stellar burning and supernova events were concentrated in aqueous environments to form a "prebiotic soup" where the assimilation of base atoms into more complex chemical species took place. Second, these complex chemical species then adapted a method to harvest energy necessary

for function. Third, the adaptation of a mechanism by which they could transfer information in order to reproduce and sustain themselves was necessary. Fourth, these entities then adapted a mechanism to isolate themselves from the surrounding environment by evolving membrane vesicles. These irreducibly complex membranes, in turn, adapted and evolved selective permeability, allowing waste to be expelled from the cell and necessary environmental nutrients to be imported across the membrane. Finally, through perhaps thousands of highly specific steps, evolution to the first viable human pair.

Evolutionists argue that all these steps are plausible and have even been simulated under laboratory conditions. The publication of these laboratory successes has created an environment of excitement and gives rise to

a feeling that science is on the edge of explaining the naturalistic origin of life. But that's not the whole story, far from it. Many problems arise in the evolutionist's scenario at each step along the way. For example, multiple experiments prove that the production of prebiotic material in a reducing or neutral atmosphere cannot be sustained. Therefore, the consensus now is that there must not have been a prebiotic soup on the early Earth after all. Likewise, attempts to synthesize amino acids in the lab have been plagued with problems, and no viable natural pathway

is evident outside of highly contrived laboratory settings. RNA synthesis has also been accomplished in laboratory settings, but only under constant and extreme researcher intervention. The same can be said for cell membrane formation, which is another critical necessity in the evolutionary model, yet it is also plagued with issues. The self-assembly of these membranes requires researcher intervention and is achieved only by adding the correct chemical building blocks in an ideal environment.

In short, evolutionary theory faces a multitude of

enormous hurdles, but none greater than the limited time available for the super-slow process of evolution to occur on Earth. Join us next time as we continue to look at the significant challenge that evolutionary theory faces. Until then, Is God Dead?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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set the captive free. The eureka moment is when the truth needed is revealed to the one in need. We've all had moments in life where something already there becomes obvious to us.

We didn't make it be by seeing it, it already was before we recognized it. Jesus said, "It is fin-

ished," before dying on the Cross.

The whole world is under the redeeming aegis. The redemption needed has already been paid for.

Jesus died for sin once and will not be again. That means that salvation is already procured before a person even knows they need it.

The Word says, "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speak-

ing, I will hear."

The answer is waiting for the perishing to be seen and believed.

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. For that to be true means that we live under the constant umbrella of His saving grace.

May our eyes be opened to the one who has given such grace and forgiveness through His shed blood.

Open the eyes of our heart, Lord!

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