

# Assembly passes resolution calling for troops on the southern border

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Assembly lawmakers passed along party lines a resolution calling on Gov. Tony Evers to send aid and resources to the U.S.-Mexico border.

The vote comes after Majority Leader Jim Steineke, R-Kaukauna, and Speaker Pro Tempore Tyler August, R-Lake Geneva, visited the border and then called on Evers to send National Guard troops there to help combat an influx of migrants across the Rio Grande.

“I don’t know how else to address this since we’re seeing such a lack of action at the national level,” Steineke said on the floor. “This is a national security threat. These are not just people coming across the border to work.”

He said all who supported Evers sending troops to Washington, D.C., “to protect the ruling class” after a crowd of Trump supporters on Jan. 6 stormed the Capitol in an attempt to overthrow the 2020 election should support sending troops to secure the southern border.

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Legislative Council didn’t immediately answer a request to see if the Legislature could force the gov to send troops or aid anywhere.

No Dems spoke ahead of the vote.