

Hakim — an attorney by trade who also writes for The New American, The Washington Examiner, The Daily Caller, The Federalist, American Thinker, and other online publications — cites 18 U.S.C. § 150, which says:

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## Senate Votes to Protect SCOTUS Justices. Will House **Follow Suit?**

As Leftist pro-abortion foot soldiers - under the direction of their Leftist pro-abortion generals — continue their likely-illegal assault on conservative Supreme Court justices while the Biden administration watches on, the Senate has unanimously passed legislation to protect those justices.

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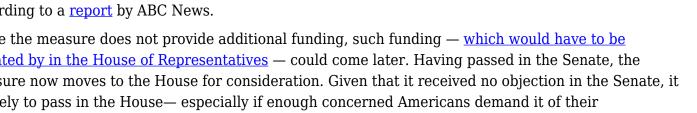
The legislation — sponsored by Senators John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Chris Coons (D-Del.) — calls for increased security for Supreme Court justices, bring it to the level of security already in place for members of Congress. The measure passed by voice vote with no objections and aims to put the Court on par with the executive and legislative branches, making certain the nine justices are provided security as some protesters have gathered outside their homes, according to a <u>report</u> by ABC News.

measure now moves to the House for consideration. Given that it received no objection in the Senate, it

As pro-abortion activists have descended on the homes of conservative Supreme Court justices in the wake of the leaked SCOTUS draft indicating the expected decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, it has become apparent that the Biden administration has no interest in enforcing existing laws protecting the independence of the high court. As The New American contributor Elad Hakim has pointed out,

Following the leak of the draft opinion purportedly overturning the landmark case of *Roe v*. Wade, protestors have been gathering outside the homes of the Supreme Court's conservative justices. While such conduct is, arguably, illegal, the Biden administration has failed to condemn this conduct and the Department of Justice has remained silent on the issue. In doing so, Biden has, once again, shown that his political agenda always comes first despite the risks involved.

While the measure does not provide additional funding, such funding — which would have to be initiated by in the House of Representatives — could come later. Having passed in the Senate, the is likely to pass in the House- especially if enough concerned Americans demand it of their representatives.







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But, par for the course, the Biden administration — which places political agendas above all else — has refused to so much as acknowledge the illegality of the actions of the leftist foot soldiers who have violated federal law in <u>seeking to intimidate Supreme Court justices</u> in the performance of their duties.

Enter — from both Stage Right and Stage Left — the U.S. Senate with a bipartisan bill that received bipartisan support. This writer has long cited the adage that says, "America has two parties: the evil party and the stupid party. Occasionally, the two parties get together and do something that is both evil and stupid — this we call bipartisanship." This measure from the Senate appears to be the exception that proves the rule. Because while this measure is both good and sensible, it does nothing to skew the average; it is what scientists and statisticians would call an anomaly.

As ABC News reports:

The Senate legislation is a technical change that allows Supreme Court law enforcement to provide around-the-clock security to immediate family members, in line with protection for some people in the executive and legislative branches.

With more than 100 "protesters" gathering outside Justice Samuel Alito's Virginia home on Monday night — after similar "protests" over the weekend outside the homes of Justice Brett Kavanaugh and Chief Justice John Roberts in the Washington and Maryland suburbs — the need for such a measure is obvious.

Cornyn — the Republican sponsor of the measure — said, "threats to Supreme Court justices and their families are 'disgraceful' and attempts to intimidate the independence of the judiciary branch shouldn't be tolerated," adding, "The House must take up and pass it immediately."

Ahead of the vote, Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell said, "Trying to scare federal judges into ruling a certain way is far outside the bounds of normal First Amendment speech or protest." The alternative is that the loudest, most threatening element in society could always cow the court into deciding in its favor. Such would be worse than even mob rule; it would amount to "might makes right." Indeed, such action is defined by the FBI as terrorism. Thankfully, while the Biden administration is — as usual — remiss in its duty, the Senate has stepped up and is calling the House to do the same.

Now it is up to the House to follow suit. Concerned Americans need to bring pressure to bear by calling, e-mailing, and — like it's 1999 — faxing their representatives to push for passage in the House to include additional funding to protect Supreme Court justices from intimidation.



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