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## CHICAGO BEARS

# Monsters of Midway moving out

Team to build stadium complex in Hammond, Ind.

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HAMMOND — The new home of the Chicago Bears is Hammond, Indiana. Leaders of the NFL team confirmed Friday that the Bears will construct a

multi-billion dollar, indoor stadium immediately south and east of the Chicago city limits on the Indiana side.

The decision concludes a lengthy search for a replacement for Chicago's Soldier Field, with the Bears ultimately choosing a 340-acre site in Hammond over a site already owned by the team in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Team officials have repeatedly described

both Hammond and Arlington Heights as viable options, but said the Indiana proposal offered the financial certainty and infrastructure commitments necessary to move the project forward.

The move comes after Indiana lawmakers approved legislation designed to support the project and after state and local officials pledged hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements

around the proposed stadium site. Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren previously said the team needed tax certainty before proceeding with construction. He highlighted that Indiana's proposal would allow the team to lease a publicly financed stadium without paying property taxes.

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## OUR HISTORY

# QUILT FOR ROUTE 66



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Fred Walk, left, and Nancy Daniels display a quilt that Daniels stitched on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Ryburn Place at Sprague's Super Service, 305 Pine St., Normal. The quilt is being raffled off to support Walk's work at the Towanda, Illinois Route 66 Parkway and Arboretum.

## Raffle of flag-themed work to aid historic highway park in Towanda

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NORMAL — Fans of Route 66 have a chance to take home a commemorative, handmade quilt and help support a park in Towanda preserving a portion of the Mother Road.

The quilt, designed to mark the centennial of Route 66 and America's 250th birthday, features white stars and stripes on a blue and red backdrop.

It will be raffled off to raise money to continue preservation efforts along the Towanda, Illinois Route 66 Parkway and Arboretum, which features approximately 4 miles of



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Historic Route 66 with markers, informational signs and pamphlets,

almost 400 trees and educational activities.

Approximately 54 by 72 inches, the quilt was stitched by Normal resident Nancy Daniels over a three-month period.

It is currently on display at Ryburn Place inside Sprague's Super Service, a historic Route 66 landmark at 305 Pine St. in Normal. The quilt is being raffled off at Ryburn Place with tickets priced at \$5 for one and \$20 for five.

A drawing is planned for July 4, 2026, which is fitting for a work inspired by the American flag.

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## IMMIGRATION

# Senate passes \$70B for ICE

Additional funding bill moves to House

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Reuters

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate handed President Donald Trump a win early Friday morning, passing a bill that would provide the Department of Homeland Security with an additional \$70 billion for immigration enforcement and sending it to the House of Representatives for final consideration.

The Senate voted 52-47 to approve the legislation, with no support from Democrats and no provision to ban a \$1.8 billion "anti-weaponization" fund that could compensate Trump's political allies for allegations that the government mistreated them. One Republican, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, voted against the bill.

Senate Republican Leader John Thune said the fund was a "settled issue," citing acting Attorney General Todd Blanche's congressional testimony this week that the Department of Justice would not move forward with it, though Democrats say his word was insufficient.

Trump subsequently said he intended to nominate Blanche to lead the Justice Department — an action that would require Senate confirmation. Thune warned the nomination could face an uphill battle but said Blanche would be an acceptable choice.

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