

alien children cannot get free education, or the States, we had a provision that said the States should not be forced to provide education benefits for illegal alien children. The cry went up, "Oh, the poor children." Well, the fact is we should be caring more about our own children rather than millions of children coming from overseas. We took that provision out, however. We took it out of the immigration bill and they moved the goal post.

Now the administration says we have got to take out a whole section, the guts, the real meaning, the heart and soul of our immigration reform bill in order for him to move, to agree with us and to cooperate with us to see that there is an omnibus spending bill that will keep government going. He is willing to cut off widows and veterans benefits, checks that go to the destitute in our country, the checks that are going to these programs that our people depend upon, he is willing to close all of that down to ensure that illegal aliens and immigrants who are getting benefits that they do not deserve, to make sure that they continue to drain away these resources. Whose side is he on? He is not on the side of the American people. This is not just a broken promise. Mr. Speaker, this is a betrayal. Not only of the people of California but for people across the United States of America who are picking up the bill.

In SSI and Medicaid benefits alone, the legal immigrants who come into this country are expected to sign a pledge that they will not be draining these resources away. But \$20 billion of our tax dollars are going now to pay for these benefits for legal immigrants who are basically going straight for the office, filled out the forms and immediately start collecting these benefits. The fact is they should not be collecting the benefits at all because in order to come here they have agreed not to become wards of the government. But the President, in order to keep spending this \$20 billion on foreigners who have come here on the understanding that they will not collect these benefits, the President is threatening to close down the government.

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He is threatening to end the checks to our veterans, to our widows and our orphans, because he is insisting that we do this.

This is an attack on every taxpayer in the country, and what it is is an invitation to people throughout the world to come here in even greater numbers.

Again, the people of this country should understand the travesty that is happening and the betrayal that of their interests by President Clinton.

#### ALLEGATIONS OF CIA PROVIDING DRUGS TO AMERICAN CITIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Ms. WATERS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, as you know, I have been involved in trying to move the investigations that finally have been agreed to in order to get to the root of the facts and allegations that have been unveiled in the San Jose Mercury News under the heading "Dark Alliance," written by investigative reporter Gary Webb.

It has been an interesting journey over the past two weeks. Over the past 2 weeks, not only have we begun to ask questions about these revelations; we are bombarded with requests to send more information to individuals all around this Nation.

I held a community meeting down in South-Central Los Angeles and reached out to about 75 community leaders. About 250 showed up. During the Congressional Black Caucus weekend here in Washington, I had a workshop. Over 3,000 people showed up at the workshop. This morning, I was up in Baltimore for the Human Rights Commission that was meeting there. Seven hundred people were there. This afternoon the Howard students rallied down near the Reflecting Pool. They had a good turnout.

The major press has now gotten involved. Just this evening Tom Brokaw on NBC did quite an extensive piece. Included in that piece was JOHN KERRY and information about his investigation.

I have continued to reach out. People are calling me with all kinds of information. I began to look in the archives, just to see what is there, and discovered some very interesting things.

I decided to look in the diary that is in the archives of Oliver North. I discovered that there was a notebook entry, for example, on a conversation with Robert Owen, who was his liaison with the Contras, dated August 9, 1985. The discussion covers a plane being used by Mario Calero, brother of the head of the FDN Adolpho Calero, based in New Orleans, to ferry supplies to the Contras in Honduras.

This is what the notation said: "Honduran DC-6 which is being used for runs out of New Orleans is probably being used for drug runs into the United States."

These are his diary notations that are in the archives. There are many more. It seems as if we are going to spend many, many hours on this.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. WATERS. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. If the gentlewoman would yield for a question, was the gentlewoman clear that Oliver North was noting that to move against it?

Ms. WATERS. When I checked with the DEA, who he was supposed to give the information to, nobody has a record.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. It was a secret operation. He wouldn't be telling any one. Do any of the allegations being

made, and obviously there are some very bad characters involved with drug dealing on various sides of various issues, but did any of these drug shipments go through Mena Airport at a time when President Clinton was Governor of Arkansas?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, we are going to find out exactly where they went. What is interesting about one of the introductions to the JOHN KERRY committee report was, everybody knew that there were drug runs. Several agencies of the Federal Government had distinct knowledge that drugs were being flown into the United States, and the proceeds were being used to fund the Contras.

My point is this: Whether the CIA or the DEA or the Justice Department or anybody knew and did nothing, turned their heads, allowed it to go on, or directly participated in it, they are guilty of undermining the citizens of this country. They are guilty of creating the devastation of many of the communities in this country.

We are going to proceed with these investigations. I am going to spend considerable time looking in the archives, going through Oliver North's diaries, looking at information that surfaced in newspapers during the period of time this was going on. We are going to get to the bottom of this.

I am pleased about the involvement now of many of our churches, schools that are coming on line, universities that are getting interested, community groups that are calling from all over. People are calling from the so-called right and the left.

We have citizens who say, "Ms. WATERS, I do not agree with you on a lot of things, but I agree with you on this. We want you to stick with it, to stay with it. We are outraged at the idea that our government could have known, could have been involved with this, could have been a part of a plot."

Mr. Speaker, this is just the beginning. I will be with you often as we unveil this information about CIA, DEA, involvement in drug trafficking in America.

#### ISSUES OF CONCERN AT THE CLOSE OF THE 104TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, as we wrap up the 104th Congress, there are three unrelated things which have come up this week which I would like to mention, all of which touch on important political issues.

First, just yesterday this House overwhelmingly passed by a 3 to 1, 75 percent margin, a bill attempting to crack down on illegal aliens. The immigration reform bill passed the other body 97 to 3. Almost everyone wants us to get tougher on illegal aliens.

We had already given the INS a 72 percent increase in funding over the