

The final thing that I think anyone ought to say about him, because I understand this is your birthday today, JIM, your 58th birthday. After all the years with him, when some people were trying to claim that he did not care about senior citizens, JIM's mother made a commercial saying she knows you can trust her son, JIMMY. By golly, after 58 years if his mother says that JIM LIGHTFOOT can still be trusted and is still an obedient, dutiful son, if it is good enough for mom, it is good enough for me. I am proud of JIM LIGHTFOOT.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, it's not often that a distinguished cardinal of the Appropriations Committee flies away to the other body. But JIM LIGHTFOOT has decided that he will take his common-sense, his great humor, and his great ability to the Senate.

The House's loss will be the Senate's gain. Serving with JIM LIGHTFOOT on the Appropriations Committee has been both an honor and a privilege.

He has fought hard to cut out wasteful Washington spending, while making certain that his constituents in Iowa are represented fairly. He has been a passionate defender of small business owners and farmers of his district.

Most importantly, JIM LIGHTFOOT is a man of his word. When JIM LIGHTFOOT makes an agreement, he sticks to it. That is a trait that needs to become more common here in the United States Congress.

JIM LIGHTFOOT is a great American and he will make an outstanding Senator when he wins in November.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our distinguished colleague, Chairman JIM LIVINGSTON, for reserving this Special Order. I am pleased to join in this salute to our colleague, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT, as he prepares to depart at the end of this legislative session.

JIM LIGHTFOOT was elected to the United States Congress in 1984. During his tenure, he has done an excellent job of representing the Third Congressional District of Iowa. His constituents and the Nation have benefited as a result of his strong commitment to public service. He has played a key role in deliberations that have helped to shape our society and the Nation.

JIM LIGHTFOOT earned the respect of his colleagues for his efforts as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. On that panel, he chairs the Subcommittee on the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government. JIM is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. In addition to these assignments, JIM LIGHTFOOT distinguished himself in his role as Chairman of the Republican Task Force on Health Care and Cochairman of the House Law Enforcement Caucus. His legislative record reflects his hard work on issues which include health care reform, crime and agricultural matters.

Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Appropriations panel, I have tremendous respect for JIM LIGHTFOOT. Our congressional delegation worked closely with him to secure funding for new Federal Court House Building. JIM is a conscientious lawmaker and a gentleman for whom I have great respect.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in saluting JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. We

wish him and the members of his family our very best in the years to come.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished representative from Iowa, the Hon. JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. For the past 12 years, JIM has honorably served the people of Iowa's Third District. Now I wish him the best in his attempt to represent Iowa in the United States Senate.

JIM has served this country in many different capacities, including in the Army, as a police officer, on the Corsicana, Texas City Commission, and most recently, as the Representative from Iowa's Third District.

While in Congress, JIM has made his marks on the Appropriations Committee, where he has served as the Subcommittee Chairman on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government for the past 2 years. Because of his work as Chairman, JIM deserves some of the credit for the savings achieved in Government spending during the 104th Congress.

JIM's humor and demeanor will be missed in this body. He is a fighter whose courage and tenacity have allowed him to outlive his political obituary written by many pundits.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank the Hon. JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT for his service to the House of Representatives and the United States.

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, it is my very great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and dear friend, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT from Iowa who will be retiring from the House at the end of this Congress to pursue a seat in the other body.

We thank JIM for his years of distinguished public service in the House of Representatives and wish him well as he returns to Iowa—just as he has done every week Congress was in session—to stay in touch with the people of Iowa.

When he was first elected to the Congress in 1984, JIM brought with him to the House of Representatives a wide array of experience nearly as vast as his 27-county Congressional District.

A small businessman himself, JIM has long been a good friend to small business owners. After serving in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve in 1956–64, JIM was and is an outstanding spokesman for our Nation's veterans. As a former Tulsa, OK police officer, JIM was a valued leader in the Law Enforcement Caucus as its cochairman to pursue a seat in the other body.

His stewardship of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee was marked by a commitment to safeguard taxpayers hard-earned dollars and assuring that the Federal departments and agencies under his jurisdiction stuck to the good Government policies which were and are JIM's hallmark.

I wish JIM, his wife Nancy and their children Terri, Jamie, Alison and Jim Jr. the very best.

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

[Mr. LONGLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Kansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HUTCHINSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

IMMIGRATION BILL STANDS TO BE GUTTED IN OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has been in California probably more often than Ronald Reagan. The fact is that he is out there visiting his billionaire buddies from Hollywood and, of course, these billionaire buddies, along with the millionaires, are the ones who bankroll the liberal left activists who control the Democratic party.

But being out in California so often, he has spoken to the people of California and made the promise that he would try to help us come to grips with the problem that threatens the social infrastructure of our State and, that is, the flood of illegal immigration that is basically destroying the education, health care and social service infrastructure of the State of California. He has made this promise on several occasions.

The fact is that this is the same President who people have learned to sort of when he promises something, to take it with a grain of salt. After all, he is the same one who, as soon as he became President, started referring to taxes as contributions and Federal spending as investment which seems a little crass in the use of words. He is not putting anything over on anybody.

He is the one who promised us a middle-class tax cut, then raised taxes on gasoline and, of course, raised taxes dramatically on senior citizens; and also promised to end welfare as we know it, but then vetoed welfare reform bills that made their way through Congress.

But he did promise California, to help us with this flood of immigration. The people of the State of California, and I think the people of the rest of this country, should understand what is happening in Washington today. Today the President of the United States is in negotiations with the Republican leadership. What is he demanding of us? What is he demanding of the Republicans who now control both Houses of Congress? The President who promised to help us stem this flood of illegal immigration that is destroying our schools and our health care, that same President is now threatening to close down the United States Government if the Republicans do not agree to gut the immigration reform bill that was recently passed in the House of Representatives with a substantial majority.

Yes, we were told that we had to remove that provision that said illegal

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