

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to commend our distinguished subcommittee chairman for bringing out a good bill, within the limits imposed on the subcommittee, and for offering this amendment. I would like to speak briefly in support of it.

The members of the Committee know that the recent influx of Cuban and Haitian "entrants", as the administration calls them, came suddenly, when the appropriations process was well advanced and the vehicles for a swift federal response to limit the burden on states and localities were few. This Committee, and the Congress, responded favorably during our work on the Supplemental Appropriations bill, both to my amendment to help cover the costs of necessary services for the refugees, and to the administration's request for funding to reimburse federal agencies for the immediate costs of the influx and to provide limited health and educational support. In the confusion over the foreign assistance portion of the Supplemental, one piece of the administration request was inadvertently lost -- a request for Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance funds to permit grants to voluntary agencies for refugee placement and resettlement.

The amendment ^{Long} Chairman/is offering now would help to make up for that oversight and permit the administration to care for and maintain the refugees expected to remain in federal custody through the end of 1980.

The administration request, which totals \$65 million, is in two parts: First, there is \$35 million for permanent resettlement of refugees, both from the camps and from failed sponsorships in the heavily impacted areas. This covers grants to voluntary agencies of up to \$300 for each refugee placed, and additional funds for transportation of the refugees to their areas of resettlement.

I have just returned from Miami, which has become a depressing place in the last few months. An immediate problem is finding housing for the refugees whose sponsorships have failed and who are now living in

the Orange Bowl, which the Dolphins would like to have back. There are at least 700 persons registered as living at the Orange Bowl. Beyond that, there is the problem of refugees just drifting downtown, with no jobs or places to live or support. Some were never in camps but were released at the dock if a relative appeared willing to take them in. Others found that the friends or relatives who got them out of the camps could not afford to take them in.

The voluntary agencies are just about out of money, despite massive community efforts to raise funds. Federal help is desperately needed to support the agencies' work in placing homeless people where they can begin the adjustment to being productive members of our society.

The second part of the request is \$30 million for the continued operation of the camps. Even with continuing resettlements and the possible consolidation of the remaining unplaced refugees into fewer camps, the administration estimates that some federal processing centers will be needed through December. The \$30 million would provide for the operation of such centers, for housing, feeding, clothing, and caring for the refugees who remain, and for security services and winterization as needed.

This amendment has two essential purposes, based on the recognition that the Cubans and Haitians in the "entrants" group will be among us for a long time. First, it continues to provide for federal maintenance of the refugees still under federal responsibility; second, it provides needed funds to assist in the placement and assimilation of the refugees out of the federal camps and into American society.