

WASHINGTON—U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) along with U.S. Reps. John Doolittle (R-CA), Michael Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Charles Dent (R-PA), and Pete Sessions (R-TX) today are going to Laredo, Texas, which is located on the border with Mexico. The members of Congress, led by U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX), will be visiting the Lincoln/Juarez Bridge, a bridge for pedestrians and private vehicles, and the World Trade Bridge, a bridge open only to commercial vehicles, in Laredo, Texas. Members of the Border Patrol and the National Guard will also brief the members on border violence, border security, and immigration.

“Dealing with illegal immigration is one of the most hotly debated issues to come before Congress this year,” Bonner said. “For far too long, we have allowed illegal aliens to come and go across our borders with little recourse, if any.

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Many of the 11 million illegal immigrants who are already here have burdened our health care institutions, our education systems, and welfare programs, while many others are not contributing to the betterment of our society, not learning English, not assimilating into our communities, and not paying taxes.

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“As Congress continues to work to address illegal immigration, it is important for us to witness how the flood of illegal immigrants is affecting our society, so that we will be better informed to reform our current system to work more efficiently and in a manner that does not compromise our national security.”