

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2415
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA

Page 84, after line 16, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 703. SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING SUPPORT**
2 **FOR DEMOCRACY IN PERU AND THE RE-**
3 **LEASE OF LORI BERENSON, AN AMERICAN**
4 **CITIZEN IMPRISONED IN PERU.**

5 It is the sense of the Congress that—

6 (1) the United States should increase its sup-
7 port to democracy and human rights activists in
8 Peru, providing assistance with the same intensity
9 and decisiveness with which it supported the pro-de-
10 mocracy movements in Eastern Europe during the
11 Cold War;

12 (2) the United States should complete the re-
13 view of the Department of State investigation of
14 threats to press freedom and judicial independence
15 in Peru and publish the findings;

16 (3) the United States should use all available
17 diplomatic efforts to secure the release of Lori
18 Berenson, an American citizen who was accused of
19 being a terrorist, denied the opportunity to defend
20 herself of the charges, allowed no witnesses to speak
21 in her defense, allowed no time to privately consult

1 with her lawyer, and declared guilty by a hooded
2 judge in a military court; and

3 (4) in deciding whether to provide economic and
4 other forms of assistance to Peru, the United States
5 should take into consideration the willingness of
6 Peru to assist in the release of Lori Berenson.