

Limbaugh's Insight

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Rush Limbaugh occasionally observed how "*Democrats*" create disastrous policies and programs, after which they must scramble to create "*remedies*" for their disasters that are even worse. For example, when the Biden Administration generated double-digit inflation in 2022, "*Democrats*" hastily enacted the \$1.2 Trillion ***Inflation Reduction Act***, which was funded by printing even ***MORE*** money out of thin air. That's like throwing oil on a gasoline fire.

After its investigation by the ***Department of Transportation***, Secretary Sean Duffy declared that California Governor Gavin Newsome was "***caught red-handed***" issuing *Commercial Driver's Licenses* (CDLs) to 17,000 illegal aliens. Many were grossly unqualified because they couldn't read English or understand U.S. road signs, and some have been responsible for a great deal of carnage on our highways. **Why would California and its slimy governor permit such a thing?**



Triple-Fatality From ***ILLEGAL*** Alien Making an ***ILLEGAL*** U-Turn

To answer that question, we need only go back a few years. In 2019, the California State Legislature enacted -- and Governor Gavin Newsom signed -- **Assembly Bill 5**, which mandated that all common carriers operating in California must be **full-time employees**. It prohibited California trucking companies from hiring **independent contractors** to drive their rigs, and also mandated that by January 1st of 2020, at least **11 percent of every fleet must consist of *electric vehicles***.

An estimated 60,000 to 100,000 small, family-owned and independent trucking firms in California were forced out of business by AB 5, or else moved out of state. Thus, beginning in January of 2020, AB 5 began to create a dramatic and inevitable shortage of rigs considered ***ELIGIBLE*** by California to haul away goods brought by container ships to the ports of L.A. and Long Beach. That's the reason so many container ships were sitting idle in California ports beginning in the Summer of 2021: they were waiting for previously delivered cargo -- now sitting idle on their docks -- to be hauled away by truck.



Log-Jam at Port of Los Angeles, Fall of 2022

The resulting *log-jam* of ships and containers was the direct consequence of that gift from California's "*Democrat*" politicians to their union allies, which regularly fund "*Democrat*" political campaigns. The *Teamsters' Union* was salivating at the prospect of "*organizing*" tens of thousands of formerly independent truck drivers. Independent trucking companies are non-union, and tend to be just as independent in their politics as they are in their hiring practices. Such a thing won't be tolerated in a one-party state like California, often referred to as "*The Land of Fruits and Nuts.*"

California's initial solution to this debacle was for the *L.A. and Long Beach Port Authorities* to fine each cargo vessel \$100 per day for **EACH CONTAINER**, and **DOUBLE** their fine each successive day. That was done solely to camouflage the disaster of AB 5: containers ships and their cargo were **NOT** sitting idle and clogging California ports because their owners were cavalier about unloading them, they were sitting idle because there weren't enough **ELIGIBLE** drivers to haul away their merchandise thanks to AB 5.

Ultimately, California's "*brilliant*" solution to the disaster it created with AB 5 was to issue CDLs to anyone with a pulse. It didn't matter if licensees were legal citizens or not because California is a "*sanctuary*" state. It also didn't matter if CDL licensees couldn't read English, or road signs for that matter. What mattered was that corrupt and witless "*Democrats*" in California were scrambling to hide the disastrous consequences of AB 5, which killed-off many tens-of-thousands of small trucking companies. Their solution was to license illegal aliens, who had no business driving anything, not even a bicycle.

Sometimes, *connecting-the-dots* is not so difficult, especially when the exercise involves an organized criminal enterprise like the "*Democrat*" Party.