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BUSINESS MEETING: REQUEST DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON THE BENEFICIARIES OF H.R. 306, H.R. 977, H.R.  
1023, AND H.R. 1207

Thursday, May 16, 2013

House of Representatives,  
Subcommittee on Immigration  
and Border Security,  
Committee on the Judiciary,  
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:10 a.m., in Room  
2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Trey Gowdy [chairman of the  
subcommittee] presiding.

Present: Representatives Gowdy, Poe, Smith, King, and Lofgren.

Also Present: Representative Conyers.

Staff Present: George Fishman, Counsel; Kelsey Deterding,  
Clerk; Graham Owens, Clerk; and Tom Jawets, Minority Counsel.

Mr. Gowdy. The Committee on Immigration and Border Security will come to order. Without objection, the chair is authorized to declare a recess at any time. We would like to begin the matter of requesting reports from the Department of Homeland Security with potential beneficiaries of several private bills, H.R. 977, for the relief of Esther Karinge, H.R. 306, for the relief of Corina De Chalup Turcinovic, for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley, and H.R. 1023 for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas. And I apologize because I am positive I mispronounced some of the names.

Under a long-standing agreement between the committee and the first Immigration Naturalization Service, now the Department of Homeland Security, the subcommittee requests a copy of the beneficiary of a private bill, U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement will save the removal of the alien until March 15th, of the first year of the next Congress. All support formally requesting a Department of Homeland Security report on the beneficiaries of these four private immigration bills that DHS finds no derogatory information, the committee can then make the decision to mark up the private bills and place them on the House private calendar, private bill calendar.

The committee approved and the House passed each of these private bills last Congress by voice vote. Two of these bills for Ester Karinge and Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas would grant permanent residence to aliens whose U.S. born children suffer from severe health conditions that could not be adequately treated in their parents home countries. One for Corina Turcinovic would grant

permanent residence to an alien who came to the United States to care for her then-fiance and later husband who was left quadriplegic after being hit by a drunken driver in New Jersey.

The fourth bill for Allan Bolor Kelley would grant permanent residence to an alien who was brought to the U.S. as a child by U.S. citizens who later adopted him but not by a statutorily required 16th birthday.

With that, I would recognize the ranking member, Ms. Lofgren if she wished to have a comment.

Ms. Lofgren. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are voting to go request these reports on the private bills you have already described. All four of the bills are familiar to the subcommittee, and in fact, all four passed the House in the 112th Congress. Two of the bills actually passed the House in the 110th Congress as well, but the Senate has failed to take any of them up. Since we will be holding two hearings today, and our witnesses are already patiently waiting I ask my full remarks be placed in the record and I would yield back.

[The statement of Ms. Lofgren follows:]

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Mr. Gowdy. Without objection, I thank the gentlelady from California. Are there other members who wish to speak?

Hearing none without objection, I would ask that any written statements regarding these private bills be made part of the written record as they are exactly the same as last year and the motion would be to request departmental reports for these private bills pursuant to rule 5 of our rules of procedure for private immigration bills. Is there a motion to do so?

Ms. Lofgren. So moved.

Mr. Gowdy. A member so moved. Ms. Lofgren has so moved. Is there a further debate on the motion?

Seeing none all those in favor say aye.

Opposed by like sign, no. The ayes have it.

Mr. Gowdy. This concludes our business for the day and our meeting is now adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 10:15 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]