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REQUEST FOR A DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
DEPARTMENTAL REPORT ON THE BENEFICIARY OF H.R. 2737
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
House of Representatives,
Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship,
Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 3:14 p.m., in Room 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Zoe Lofgren [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

Present: Representatives Lofgren, Nadler, Correa, Garcia, Neguse, Mucarsel-Powell, Escobar, Buck, Biggs, Lesko, and Steube.

Staff Present: Rachel Calanni, Legislative Aide/Professional Staff Member; Betsy Lawrence, Counsel; Susan Jensen, Parliamentarian/Senior Counsel; Andrea Loving, Minority Counsel; and Andrea Woodard, Minority Professional Staff Member.

Ms. Lofgren. Since the ranking member is on his way, maybe what I will do is just begin my statement with the belief that he will be here by the time we have finished and then we can proceed.

The Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship will come to order. A quorum being present, the ranking member walking in the door.

Without objection, the chair is authorized to declare a recess at any time.

Pursuant to notice, the meeting is being held for purposes of considering a motion requesting a departmental report from the Department of Homeland Security on the beneficiary of H.R. 2737, a private bill for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.

For the sake of expediency, I ask unanimous consent that my full statement on the bill be made a part of the record.

Without objection, so ordered.

[The statement of Ms. Lofgren follows:]

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Ms. Lofgren. Since the 110th Congress, the subcommittee has voted on numerous occasions to request an investigative report on this bill and a stay of removal for Ms. Turcinovic. Additionally, the House has passed private legislation on her behalf three times. As a result, the compelling facts of this case are well documented and need not be repeated.

During the 115th Congress -- well, we will just proceed.

Unfortunately, although ICE is the authority to withdraw her removal order and allow her to obtain permanent residence, it has refused to exercise its discretion to do so. As a result, it is incumbent upon our subcommittee to once again begin the process of moving this private bill through Congress. That process begins with a request for a report from DHS.

I would now yield to Mr. Buck, if he would like to make a statement or add anything to the record.

Mr. Buck. Thank you, Madam Chair. I will enter my statement for the record.

Ms. Lofgren. Without objection, the gentleman's statement is submitted for the record.

[The statement of Mr. Buck follows:]

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Ms. Lofgren. Does any other member of the subcommittee wish to be heard?

If not, I now move the subcommittee request the Department of Homeland Security provide the subcommittee with a departmental report on the beneficiary of H.R. 2737, pursuant to rule 5 of the subcommittee's rule of procedure for private immigration bills. I note that this request for a report does not provide a final decision on the private bill. The request for report is simply the first step in the private bill process to learn more about the case from the agency responsible.

All those in favor will signify by saying aye.

All those opposed will say no.

Hearing no noes, in the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it and the ayes do have it. And the motion is adopted.

The request will be made to DHS to provide the subcommittee with a departmental report on the beneficiary of H.R. 2737.

And unless there is further business before the subcommittee, we will be adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 3:17 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.]