

Statement of Ranking Member Tom McClintock
En Bloc Requests for DHS Reports on the Beneficiaries of Private Immigration Bills H.R.
680, H.R. 785, H.R. 187, and H.R. 739
Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship
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I thank the Chair. Today we are requesting Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reports on the named beneficiaries of four private bills. Given the information provided by the bills' sponsors, the Subcommittee has determined that the facts likely fall under the precedent for Subcommittee movement of such bills. Requesting a DHS report to ensure there is no derogatory information on these individuals is the first step in Subcommittee consideration.

All four of these bills were reported favorably from the Committee and passed the House during last Congress.

The beneficiaries of H.R. 680 are an Indian national, and her caregiver parents, who came to the U.S. on a student visa. She was rendered a quadriplegic when a tree limb randomly fell on her. Her parents came to the U.S. to care for her, and returning to India would arguably prevent her from accessing life-sustaining treatment and resources.

H.R. 785's beneficiaries are a Guatemalan national, and her caregiver parents, who suffers from an extremely rare. She came to the United States to participate in a clinical trial for life-sustaining medical treatment of her disease. Without the on-going treatment, which is not available in her home country, she will die.

The beneficiary of H.R. 187 is the caregiver mother of a U.S. citizen child who suffers from sever mental illness pursuant to years of repeated sexual abuse at the hands of her father. Without the mother's care, the U.S. citizen's life is in danger.

And H.R. 739's beneficiary is the caregiver to a U.S. citizen wife and child who both have health concerns. However, his case falls under private bill precedent based on the fact that the liver transplant and on-going medical treatment he needs, are unavailable in his home country.

I urge my colleagues not to oppose the request for DHS reports, and I yield back the balance of my time.