

**Statement of Ranking Member Ken Buck
Meeting to Adopt the Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for
Private Immigration Bills
Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship
House Judiciary Committee
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Thank you Madame Chair. The primary focus of these rules is to establish the standards and requirements for the consideration of private immigration bills, which are essentially requests to circumvent current law.

Without these standards, the Congress could potentially be inundated with requests for private bills and this Subcommittee would likely be inundated with requests from Members to move those bills.

The rules and statement of policy that we are considering here today are unchanged from last Congress and are the same rules and statement of policy that have been adopted in many past Congresses.

I thank the Chair for her commitment to these longstanding rules and policy, since they are essential to ensuring fairness and equity in the system, while also understanding that there are a small number of exceptional circumstances that may warrant Congressional action.

These rules have historically served us well, and I recommend that we adopt them again in the 116th Congress.

I yield back the balance of my time.