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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

APPROVED  
AUG 17 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 2537 - Relief of Lidia Myslinska  
Bokosky  
Sponsor - Rep. Rostenkowski (D) Illinois

Last Day for Action

August 19, 1974 - Monday

Purpose

Grants immediate relative status to the widow of a United States citizen.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Immigration and Naturalization Service	Approval
Department of State	No objection

Discussion

Mrs. Bokosky, the beneficiary of H.R. 2537, is a 47-year-old native and citizen of Poland, who currently resides in Chicago, Illinois. She was admitted to the United States as a visitor in April 1969 and received extensions of stay until May 1970. In August 1971, deportation proceedings were instituted against her on the ground that she had remained in the U.S. longer than permitted.

In December 1971, she was married to a U.S. citizen, and he filed a visa petition on her behalf which was approved in February 1972. However, that petition was invalidated by her husband's death two months later as the result of an auto accident.



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*To Archives 8/20*

Mrs. Bokosky completed 14 years of schooling in her native country, including two years of business college. She was at last report employed as an assembler earning \$130 per week.

Absent this legislation, Mrs. Bokosky would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from Eastern Hemisphere countries.

*Wilfred H. Pennington*

Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference



Enclosures

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
Washington 25, D.C.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

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TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

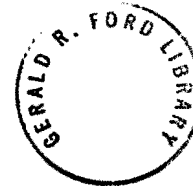
SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H.R. 2537; Office of Management  
and Budget request dated August 7, 1974.

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Lidia Myslinska Bokosky.

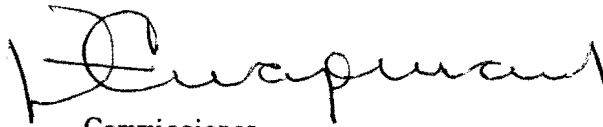
Pursuant to your request for the views of the Department of Justice on the subject bill, a review has been made of the facsimile of the bill, the relating Congressional Committee report or reports, and all pertinent information in the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

On the basis of this review the Immigration and Naturalization Service, on behalf of the Department of Justice:

- Recommends approval of the bill.
- Interposes no objection to approval of the bill



Sincerely,

  
Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

AUG 9 - 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash  
Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503



Dear Mr. Ash:

Reference is made to Mr. Rommel's communication of August 7, 1974, transmitting for comment enrolled bills H.R. 2537 "For the relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky", H.R. 4590 "For the relief of Melissa Catambay Gutierrez and Milagros Catambay Gutierrez" and H.R. 5667 "For the relief of Linda Julie Dickson(nee Waters)".

This Department has no objection to the enactment of these bills.

Sincerely yours,

Linwood Holton  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

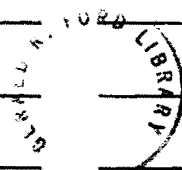
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

ENROLLED BILL

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H. R. 2537 - Relief of

Lidia Myslinska Bokosky

<u>Name</u>	<u>Approval</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Geoff Shepard</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>NSC/S</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Fred Buzhardt</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Bill Timmons</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Ken Cole</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
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Comments:

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 512

Date: August 13, 1974

Time: 5:30 p. m.

FOR ACTION:  Geoff Shepard  
 NSC/S  
 Fred Buzhardt  
 Bill Timmons

cc (for information): Warren K. Hendriks  
Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, August 16, 1974

Time: 2:00 p. m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H. R. 2537 - Relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:



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K. R. COLE, JR.  
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

8/13/74

TO: WARREN HENDRIKS

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*RDL*  
Robert D. Linder



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Hansen  
8-13-74

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FOR ACTION: Geoff Shepard  
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✓ Fred Buzhardt  
Bill Timmons

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Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, August 15, 1974

Time: 2:00 p. m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H. R. 2537 - Relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky



ACTION REQUESTED:

- For Necessary Action
- For Your Recommendations
- Prepare Agenda and Brief
- Draft Reply
- For Your Comments
- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

*No objection  
D.C.*

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Warren K. Hendriks  
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

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\_\_\_\_\_ Draft Remarks

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Warren K. Hendriks  
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WARREN HENDRIKS  
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *P.M. for West*  
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 512  
Enrolled Bill H. R. 2537 - Relief of  
Lidia Myslinska Bokosky



The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment

## LIDIA MYSLINSKA BOKOSKY

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FEBRUARY 28, 1974.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. RAILSBACK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2537]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2537) for the relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to grant the status of an immediate relative Mrs. Lidia Myslinska Bokosky which is the status she would be entitled to were it not for the death of her husband, a citizen of the United States.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is a 46-year-old widow, a native and citizen of Poland who was admitted to the United States as a visitor in April of 1969. She was married to a citizen of the United States in December of 1971. A visa petition filed in her behalf was approved on February 24, 1972 but was invalidated by her husband's death on April 21, 1972 as a result of an automobile accident.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in letters dated September 14 and October 10, 1973 from the then Acting Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary which read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
Washington, D.C., September 14, 1973.

A-19718565

HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 2537) for the relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would provide that the beneficiary, the widow of a citizen of the United States, may be classified as the spouse of a citizen of the United States and be granted immediate relative status.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Poland, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

JAMES F. GREENE,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 2537

The beneficiary, Lydia Myslinska Bokosky, a native and citizen of Poland, was born on June 29, 1927. She lives in Chicago, Illinois. She completed fourteen years of school in her native country, including two years of business college. The beneficiary was employed as a tourist guide for ten years. She is now employed as an assembler and earns \$130 a week. She has savings in the amount of \$10,000 and personal effects valued at \$8,000. Mrs. Bokosky was first married in 1948 in Poland. This marriage was terminated in 1968 by divorce. The one child born of this marriage, the beneficiary's widowed mother, her two brothers, and her sister live in Poland.

Mrs. Bokosky entered the United States on April 24, 1969 as a visitor for pleasure and received extensions of her stay to May 20, 1970. She accepted unauthorized employment on September 9, 1969. On August 23, 1971, deportation proceedings were instituted against her on the ground that she had remained in the United States longer than permitted. Mrs. Bokosky was accorded a hearing before a special inquiry officer on September 27, 1971, and was granted the privilege of voluntary departure, with the alternative of deportation if she failed to depart when required.

The beneficiary was married December 4, 1971, in Niles, Illinois, to a citizen of the United States. A visa petition filed by her second husband to accord the beneficiary immediate relative classification was approved by the Service on Febru-

ary 24, 1972. On March 14, 1972, Mrs. Bokosky submitted an application to adjust her status to that of a lawful permanent resident. She was notified to appear for a further hearing in connection with this application on June 12, 1972, the earliest available date. However, her husband died on April 21, 1972, and approval of the visa petition filed by him was automatically revoked as of the date of approval. Since a visa was not immediately available to the beneficiary, her application for adjustment of status was denied on September 26, 1972. An appeal of this denial order is pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
Washington, D.C., October 10, 1973.

A-19718565

HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This refers to H.R. 2537 in behalf of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky.

The beneficiary was last married to Robert Bokosky, who was born in the United States on August 9, 1924. He died as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been employed as an engineer and earned \$17,000 a year.

Mrs. Bokosky received \$5,000 insurance after her husband's death, plus \$2,400 in profit sharing from his employer. She had previously received \$4,000 insurance as the result of an automobile accident in which she was injured.

Sincerely,

JAMES F. GREENE,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

Mr. Rostenkowski submitted the following letter in support of his bill:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, D.C., December 12, 1973.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,  
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing this letter in support of my bill, H.R. 2537, for the relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky.

Lidia Bokosky entered the U.S. as a B-2 visitor at Port Huron, Michigan, on April 24, 1969. She was born in Jarocin, Poland on June 29, 1927. Mrs. Bokosky was married to a U.S. citizen, Robert Bokosky on December 4, 1971 and he died on April 21, 1972, as a result of a car accident. On December 6, 1971, Mr. Bokosky had filed a petition for permanent resident for his wife Lidia and it was approved on February 24, 1972.

This is a most worthwhile piece of legislation and I hope it will be enacted very soon.

Respectfully yours,

DAN ROSTENKOWSKI,  
*Member of Congress.*

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that H.R. 2537 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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# Calendar No. 890

93D CONGRESS }  
2d Session }

SENATE }

REPORT  
No. 93-918

## LIDIA MYSLINSKA BOKOSKY

JUNE 12, 1974.—Ordered to be printed



Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2537]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2537), for the relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

#### AMENDMENT

In line 7, change the word "purview" to read "provisions."

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to preserve for Lidia Myslinska Bokosky, the widow of a U.S. citizen, the status of an immediate relative, to which status she would have been entitled were it not for the death of her husband.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 46-year-old native and citizen of Poland. She entered the United States as a visitor on April 24, 1969, and received extensions of stay until May 20, 1970. She was married to a U.S. citizen in December 1971. A visa petition in her behalf was approved on February 24, 1972, but was invalidated by the death of her husband on April 21, 1972.



A letter, with attached memorandum, dated September 14, 1973, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the then Acting Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
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A-19718565

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Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, the author of the bill, submitted the following letter to the House Immigration Subcommittee in support of his bill:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, D.C., December 12, 1973.

Hon. JOSHUA EILBERG,  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing this letter in support of my bill, H.R. 2537, for the relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky.

# Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

## An Act

For the relief of Lidia Myslinska Bokosky.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Mrs. Lidia Myslinska Bokosky, the widow of a citizen of the United States, shall be held and considered to be within the purview of section 201(b) of that Act and the provisions of section 204 of such Act, shall not be applicable in this case.*



*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*

August 7, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on August 7th:

H.R. 2537  
H.R. 4990

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Linder  
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D. C.