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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

Last Day: August 21

August 13, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON *Jm*

SUBJECT: → H.R. 2565 - Relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes,
Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes,
Maria Augusta Hughes, and Ivan Hughes

H.R. 5052 - Relief of Yolanda E. Vez

H.R. 6687 - Relief of Doo Hoon Park

H.R. 11076 - Relief of Ok Ja Choi

Attached for your consideration are four enrolled bills which would define the ten beneficiaries as "children" for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act and permit them status as permanent residents of the U.S., thus facilitating their adoption by U.S. citizens.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, NSC, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bills.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 2565 at Tab B.

That you sign H.R. 5052 at Tab C.

That you sign H.R. 6687 at Tab D.

That you sign H.R. 11076 at Tab E.



The INA provides an exception to the immigration waiting list for children who are adopted by U.S. citizens, if the children are 14 years of age or younger and if the natural parents are dead. If these requirements are not met, the children would have to go through the normal nonpreference immigrant procedures. It is impossible to predict when visas would actually be issued under the current numerical limitations on the nonpreference category. In addition, the INA provides that the adoptive parents may receive only two such exemptions from the nonpreference immigrant procedures.

In all the cases involved here, the adopting parents either have already used their quota of two exemptions in adopting other alien children, or would exceed the limit of two by adopting the beneficiaries involved. The enrolled bills would waive this limit of two for the beneficiaries.

In the case of H.R. 5052 and H.R. 6678, the beneficiaries are over the age of 14 and thus would not be eligible for the preference category on that ground. The enrolled bills would waive the age limit in these cases.

In the case of H.R. 2565, H.R. 5052 and H.R. 6687, at least one parent of one of the beneficiaries is still alive and has consented to the adoption of their child. The enrolled bills would waive the restriction against such children being placed in the preference category.

The beneficiaries named in H.R. 2565 are all from Ecuador and are currently residing in the U.S. on visitors' visas with their adoptive parents. The enrolled bill would waive the requirement that they must leave the U.S. before they can be converted to a permanent resident status.

In all cases, the enrolled bills provide that the natural parents, brothers, or sisters of the beneficiaries shall not receive any right, privilege, or status under the INA by virtue of their relationship to the beneficiaries.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures



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

AUG 13 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bills

- (1) H.R. 2565 - Relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes,
Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes,
Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vincente Hughes,
Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes
Sponsor - Rep. Charles Wilson (D) Texas
- (2) H. R. 5052 - Relief of Yolanda E. Vez
Sponsor - Rep. Matsunaga (D) Hawaii
- (3) H.R. 6687 - Relief of Doo Hoon Park
Sponsor - Rep. Frenzel (R) Minnesota
- (4) H.R. 11076 - Relief of Ok Ja Choi
Sponsor - Rep. Karth (D) Minnesota

Last Day for Action

August 21, 1976 - Saturday

Purpose

To facilitate the adoption of alien children by United States citizens.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of State

Approval
No objection

Discussion

The four enrolled bills would define the ten beneficiaries as "children" for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and permit them status as permanent residents of the U.S., thus facilitating their adoption by U.S. citizens.



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

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

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TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H.R. 2565; Office of Management
and Budget request dated August 9, 1976.


Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes,
Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes,
Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes.

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 re-
lating 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 11 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of August 9, 1976, transmitting for comment enrolled bills, H.R. 2565, "For the relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes", H.R. 2940, "For the relief of Maria Sylvia Macias Elliott", and H.R. 2941, "For the relief of Susan Rosemary Harwood".

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

Sincerely yours,

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
James T. Lynn, Director,
Office of Management
and Budget.



MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES M. CANNON
FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bills

The NSC Staff concurs with the following enrolled bills:

H. R. 2565-Relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Hughes,
Maria Hughes, Veronica Hughes and Ivan Hughes

H. R. 5052-Relief of Yolanda Vez

H. R. 6687-Relief of Doo Hoon Park

H. R. 11076-Relief of Ok Ja Choi

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FOR ACTION:

Dick Parsons
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
NSC/S

cc (for information):

Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: August 13

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ACTION REQUESTED:

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

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For the President

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Approval. RQ

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No objection.

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James M. Cannon
For the President

LUISA MARILLAC HUGHES, MARCO ANTONIO HUGHES, MARIA DEL CISNE HUGHES, MARIA AUGUSTA HUGHES, MIGUEL VICENTE HUGHES, VERONICA DEL ROCIO HUGHES, AND IVAN HUGHES

JANUARY 26, 1976.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. DODD, from the Committee on The Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2565]

The Committee on The Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2565), for the relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes, 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 facilitate the adjustment of status of seven adopted children of citizens of the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiaries, ages 12, 7, 7, 5, 5, 4, and 10 years of age, are natives and citizens of Ecuador who were admitted to the United States as visitors on July 20, 1973, accompanied by their adoptive parents, citizens of the United States. The adoptive parents have two natural children and two other adopted alien children. They met and adopted the beneficiaries in Ecuador when the family was residing in that country. The oldest beneficiary is blind and is being taught in all subjects at the third grade level with the use of braille books and braille for writing. One of the U.S. citizens adopted children suffers severe cerebral palsy and one of the beneficiaries is mildly afflicted with cerebral palsy. Both of them are in the outpatient program at the Cerebral Palsy Foundation in Beaumont, Texas.

Certain pertinent facts in this case are contained in a report dated October 24, 1974 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, regarding a

bill then pending for the relief of the same person. That letter and accompanying memorandum read as follows:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., October 24, 1974.

A20 693 544.

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. 14331) for the relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes and Ivan Hughes, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries.

The bill would provide that the beneficiaries, who have been adopted by United States citizens, may be classified as children and granted immediate relative status, upon approval of a petition filed in their behalf. The bill further provides that the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act which limits the number of petitions that may be approved for adopted children, and which prohibits the adjustment of status to that of a permanent resident for Western Hemisphere aliens shall not be applicable in this case.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiaries, natives of Ecuador, would be chargeable to the numerical limitation for immigrants from the Western Hemisphere, and would be required to apply for visas outside of this country.

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM THE IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE. H.R. 14331

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. James Harley Hughes, Jr. and Mrs. Kathleen Fay Hughes, the beneficiaries' adoptive parents and interested parties in this case.

Beneficiary, Luisa Marillac Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born October 16, 1962. She is blind and has no known living natural parents. She was adopted June 28, 1973, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiaries Marco Antonio Hughes and Maria del Cisne Hughes, natives and citizens of Ecuador, were born April 30, 1967. They are natural brother and sister. They have no known living natural parents and were adopted December 21, 1972, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary, Maria Augusta Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born November 15, 1969. She has no known living natural parents and was adopted October 26, 1970, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary, Miguel Vicente Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador was born January 10, 1970. He has no known living natural parents and was adopted November 26, 1970, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary Veronica del Rocio Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born October 19, 1970. With consent of her natural mother, she was adopted November 27, 1972, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary Ivan Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born October 14, 1964. He has no known living natural parents and was adopted November 27, 1972, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

The beneficiaries have no assets and are supported entirely by their adoptive parents. They last entered the United States July 20, 1973, at Miami, Florida, as nonimmigrant visitors and were authorized to remain in the United States until February 19, 1974.

Their stay has been extended until February 19, 1975. The beneficiaries are presently residing with their adoptive parents at 106 Walker Drive, Liberty, Texas. All beneficiaries have resided with their adoptive parents since the respective dates of their adoption.

The interested parties, Mr. James Harley Hughes, Jr., and Mrs. Kathleen Fay Hughes, natives and citizens of the United States, were born April 30, 1940, and January 9, 1943, respectively. They were married June 3, 1962, and have four children born of their marriage. Mr. Hughes holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming. He served two years in the United States Army and has been employed with Texaco, Inc. since October of 1966 as a petroleum engineer. Mrs. Hughes is a high school graduate and attended the University of Wyoming for one and one-half years. She is not employed. Mr. Hughes earns \$1,616 a month. Their assets consist of \$3,400 equity in a home and \$4,000 in savings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes learned of the beneficiaries during his employment in Ecuador with Texaco, Inc.

The Department of State submitted the following report on this legislation:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., November 25, 1974.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for a report concerning the cases of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes, beneficiaries of H.R. 14331, 93rd Congress.

The bill would provide for the beneficiaries' classification as a child and for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of petitions filed by James H. Hughes, Junior, and Kathleen S. Hughes, American citizens. It also provides that the natural parents, brothers

or sisters of the beneficiaries shall not be accorded any right, privilege or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act by virtue of such relationship. It would also waive the provision of the Act which prohibits the adjustment of status to permanent residence of natives of the Western Hemisphere.

The American Embassy at Quito, Ecuador has reported that the beneficiaries, in the order listed in the private bill on their behalf, were born on August 16, 1962; April 30, 1967; April 30, 1967; November 15, 1969; January 10, 1970; October 19, 1970; and October 14, 1964, all in Ecuador. They were legally adopted in the Ecuadoran courts by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hughes, American citizens, during Mr. Hughes' employment as a drilling engineer for Texaco in Ecuador.

When for reasons of health, Mr. Hughes was obliged to leave Ecuador on short notice, the beneficiaries were issued visitor visas on July 18, 1973 for humanitarian reasons so that they could accompany Mr. and Mrs. Hughes to the United States.

Cordially,

LINWOOD HOLTON,
*Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations.*

STATEMENT BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES WILSON OF TEXAS FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your consideration of the bill, H.R. 2565, which I introduced for the relief of seven adopted children of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hughes of Liberty, Texas, and for the opportunity of presenting to your committee the circumstances which led to my introduction of this legislation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were married in 1962 while he was attending the University of Wyoming. He graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Mr. Hughes received a commission in the U.S. Army and served two years active duty immediately following graduation.

Prior to their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes found that they both had a strong desire to give a home to children who would not otherwise have a family.

When their first daughter was about one year old, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes acted as foster parents for two boys during the summer while they attended speech therapy classes at the University of Wyoming. This experience strengthened their desire to do all that they could to help children without a family or home.

A few months after the birth of their second daughter, they adopted their first son. In adopting this child, they asked for one who would not readily find a home. As a result, their first adopted child is a North American Indian boy.

Following Mr. Hughes' release from active duty in the U.S. Army, he was employed by Texaco, Inc., where he is currently working as a drilling engineer.

Shortly after Mr. Hughes began working for Texaco, he and Mrs. Hughes decided that they wanted to adopt another hard-to-place child. Through the assistance of the Colorado State Welfare Department, they adopted a little girl of Spanish-Irish descent. It was later

discovered that this little girl has cerebral palsy. However, this did not lessen the Hughes' love for this child or their determination to provide all the help that she needed to be able to live a normal life. She is enrolled in a program at a cerebral palsy center, where she receives special education and physical, occupational and speech therapy.

In 1970, Texaco, Inc. transferred Mr. Hughes to Ecuador. After living there about five months, they adopted two Ecuadorian children. Then in 1972, they adopted five more Ecuadorian children, one in February, one in April, two (twins) in October and one in December.

Legal adoption was completed in Ecuador on all seven of the Ecuadorian children. The children range in age from 5 to 13; there are 4 girls and 3 boys. The oldest girl, age 13, is blind.

The Hughes family was transferred back to the United States by Texaco before permanent visas could be obtained through normal channels.

There is no doubt that this family situation is unique. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have taken upon themselves a tremendous responsibility but appear to be very capable and are managing quite well. I believe under the circumstances and in order to ease the minds of this family regarding their citizenship status, this legislation should be acted upon as soon as possible. I ask that your committee give this early favorable consideration.

Mr. Wilson also submitted numerous letters in support of his bill which read, in part, as follows:

JOE L. KOCH, M.D.,
Beaumont, Tex., May 27, 1975.

HON. CHARLES WILSON,
U.S. House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WILSON: I am writing in behalf of Mr. James H. Hughes concerning the adoption proceedings of which you are well aware. I have been following Mr. Hughes for several months since his return from South America and I can assure you at this time he has no difficulties as far as hypoglycemic reactions are concerned. He has been suffering from some degree of agitation and tension but this has been of a minor degree and I am certain this does not affect his personal or professional life to any great extent.

Sincerely,

JOE L. KOCH, M.D., F.A.C.P.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Liberty, Tex., May 12, 1975.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Jim and Kathy Hughes for more than a year, and it has been my privilege to serve as their minister during this time.

Jim and Kathy are devoted and dedicated parents to their many adopted children. They provide a home where genuine love and mutual concern pervades the atmosphere. It seems that no partiality is shown their children born to them over the nine they have adopted. All of the children are obviously emotionally healthy and happy.

Jim and Kathy have made it a point to adopt children who were in need of love rather than those who might provide some sort of fulfillment for them. One adopted child is blind, another has muscular dystrophy, and all have been in dire need of care and protection. Jim and

Kathy have provided all of their needs and much more. They are indeed a family.

I would urge any type of legislation, and would encourage special legislation for this particular family if such would be feasible, to allow these children adopted in Ecuador to become legal residents of the United States. Jim is a good provider, Kathy is a loving and devoted mother, and altogether they comprise a close-knit family that is an inspiration to all who know them.

No phase of the lives of the children is neglected and each one appears to be developing mentally, morally, and spiritually beyond the average. Most importantly, these children reflect in their lives the emotional, physical and intellectual well-being that is the fruit of a loving atmosphere marked by neither oversubmissiveness or overindulgence.

It would be an act of justice if the term "illegal alien" were to be made no longer applicable to the adopted members of the family.

Most sincerely yours,

DOUGLAS B. FINCH,
*Ordained Minister,
Presbyterian Church In The United States.*

DAYTON, TEX., May 20, 1975.

HON. CHARLES WILSON,
*U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District No. 2, Wash-
ington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WILSON: Mr. James H. Hughes, Jr. has been employed by Texaco, Inc. as a petroleum engineer continuously since 1966. He is presently assigned to Texaco's Liberty, Texas, District of the Houston Division as District Drilling Engineer. In this capacity he provides the technical assistance and advice to the District Superintendent in the planning and execution of drilling and completion programs. Mr. Hughes has performed his duties in an outstanding manner, and his performance reflects great credit to himself and the petroleum engineering profession.

I have known Mr. Hughes personally for 18 months, and I have observed that he maintains the highest standards of morality and personal discipline. His progress within the Texaco organization is ahead of his contemporaries, and his annual salary and Company benefits are sufficient to meet his obligations to his dependents.

I fully endorse Mr. Hughes' efforts to provide a Christian home for his dependents, and I solicit your assistance in securing passage of legislation to facilitate this objective.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BIDDLE,
*District Petroleum Engineer,
Texaco, Inc.*

CEREBRAL PALSY FOUNDATION,
Beaumont, Tex., May 30, 1975.

To whom it may concern:

Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, adoptive parents of Nikola Hughes are most cooperative parents, and take excellent care of all of their children.

Nikola was seen in December 1973 by our Medical Director and was diagnosed as Cerebral Palsy, spastic quadriplegia. Following this, she was placed on an outpatient program here, and the Hughes brought Nikola in once a week for therapy, driving approximately 50 miles each way. The parents learned various exercises, etc. so that they could help Nikola at home during this time. She showed a great deal of progress and improvement, and was admitted to our resident program October 14, 1974. She continues to improve and is receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy daily, plus schooling in a self contained classroom at the Foundation.

The parents provide all clothing, medications, plus a fee for her therapy, and room and board. In addition to this, they take care of medical expenses such as, glasses, dental, physical examinations whenever necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have two other children who require special treatment and care. Louisa, who is blind, attends class for blind here in Beaumont. Jaymes, who is slightly Cerebral Palsy, is seen in our clinic, approximately every two to three months. He wears one short leg brace and is on medication for hyperactivity.

We are aware that Mr. and Mrs. Hughes provide recreation and religious education for their children.

All in all, the Hughes' are exceptional parents, we have seen all of their children and have noted they are well taken care of, well adjusted, well behaved and happy children.

Sincerely yours,

MARGARET L. SNYDER (Mrs.) R.N., L.P.T.,
Executive Director.

MAY 28, 1975.

Mrs. HUGHES: Luisa Hughes, age 12, is in my class at Pietzsch Elem. School in Beaumont, Texas. She is in a Visually Handicapped EMR class. She is being taught reading and writing in all subjects at the third grade level with the use of Braille books and Brailier for writing. She has had a perfect attendance record this year.

Yours truly,

L. TILKENS.

LIBERTY, TEX., May 21, 1975.

HON. CHARLES WILSON,
*U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District II,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SIR: It is a pleasure and I consider it an honor to comment on a person of such high personal integrity and honest character as Jim Hughes.

I know Jim to be a man with all the attributes of a fine Christian, good neighbor, hard worker and an exemplary father and husband. He is a gentleman at all times and is keenly interested in the welfare of his fellowman.

His attention to his profession is exceeded only by his regard for the well being of his family, and he is concerned with the spiritual as well as the physical and emotional stability of his family.

Your support for any favorable legislation that would enable Jim and Kathy to obtain permanent visas for their children would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ROY CAMP, JR.,
*Commissioner, Port of Liberty,
 Liberty, Tex.*

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

This legislation does not provide new budget authority and no estimate or comparison has been received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

The Committee exercises general oversight jurisdiction with respect to all immigration and nationality matters but no specific oversight is contemplated in this instance.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the Committee is of the opinion that H.R. 2565 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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LUISA MARILLAC HUGHES, MARCO ANTONIO HUGHES, MARIA DEL CISNE HUGHES, MARIA AUGUSTA HUGHES, MIGUEL VICENTE HUGHES, VERONICA DEL ROCIO HUGHES, AND IVAN HUGHES

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2565]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2565) for the relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to facilitate the adjustment of status of seven adopted children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiaries of the bill, aged 13, 9, 9, 6, 6, 5, and 11, are natives and citizens of Ecuador who were admitted to the United States as visitors on July 20, 1973, accompanied by their adoptive parents, citizens of the United States. The adoptive parents have two natural children and two other adopted alien children. They met and adopted the beneficiaries in Ecuador when the family was residing in that country. The oldest beneficiary is blind and is being taught in all subjects at the third grade level with the use of braille books and braille for writing. One of the U.S. citizens adopted children suffers severe cerebral palsy and one of the beneficiaries is mildly afflicted with cerebral palsy. Both of them are in the outpatient program at the Cerebral Palsy Foundation in Beaumont, Texas.

Certain pertinent facts in this case are contained in a report dated October 24, 1974 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, regarding a bill then pending for the relief of the same persons. That letter and accompanying memorandum read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., October 24, 1974.

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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. 14331) for the relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Mario del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes and Ivan Hughes, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries.

The bill would provide that the beneficiaries, who have been adopted by United States citizens, may be classified as children and granted immediate relative status, upon approval of a petition filed in their behalf. The bill further provides that the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act which limits the number of petitions that may be approved for adopted children, and which prohibits the adjustment of status to that of a permanent resident for Western Hemisphere aliens shall not be applicable in this case.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiaries, natives of Ecuador, would be chargeable to the numerical limitation for immigrants from the Western Hemisphere, and would be required to apply for visas outside of this country.

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM THE IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE. H.R. 14331

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. James Harley Hughes, Jr. and Mrs. Kathleen Fay Hughes, the beneficiaries' adoptive parents and interested parties in this case.

Beneficiary, Luisa Marillac Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born October 16, 1962. She is blind and has no known living natural parents. She was adopted June 28, 1973, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiaries Marco Antonio Hughes and Maria del Cisne Hughes, natives and citizens of Ecuador, were born April 30, 1967. They are natural brother and sister. They have no known living natural parents and were adopted December 21, 1972, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary, Maria Augusta Hughes, a native and citizen

of Ecuador, was born November 15, 1969. She has no known living natural parents and was adopted October 26, 1970, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary, Miguel Vicente Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador was born January 10, 1970. He has no known living natural parents and was adopted November 26, 1970, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary Veronica del Rocio Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born October 19, 1970. With consent of her natural mother, she was adopted November 27, 1972, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

Beneficiary Ivan Hughes, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born October 14, 1964. He has no known living natural parents and was adopted November 27, 1972, in Quito, Ecuador by the interested parties.

The beneficiaries have no assets and are supported entirely by their adoptive parents. They last entered the United States July 20, 1973, at Miami, Florida, as nonimmigrant visitors and were authorized to remain in the United States until February 19, 1974.

Their stay has been extended until February 19, 1975. The beneficiaries are presently residing with their adoptive parents at 106 Walker Drive, Liberty, Texas. All beneficiaries have resided with their adoptive parents since the respective dates of their adoption.

The interested parties, Mr. James Harley Hughes, Jr., and Mrs. Kathleen Fay Hughes, natives and citizens of the United States, were born April 30, 1940, and January 9, 1943, respectively. They were married June 3, 1962, and have four children born of their marriage. Mr. Hughes holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming. He served two years in the United States Army and has been employed with Texaco, Inc. since October of 1966 as a petroleum engineer. Mrs. Hughes is a high school graduate and attended the University of Wyoming for one and one-half years. She is not employed. Mr. Hughes earns \$1,616 a month. Their assets consist of \$3,400 equity in a home and \$4,000 in savings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes learned of the beneficiaries during his employment in Ecuador with Texaco, Inc.

A letter dated November 25, 1974 to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, from the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, U.S. Department of State, with reference to H.R. 14331 which was a bill introduced in the 93rd Congress for the relief of the same beneficiaries, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., November 25, 1974.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for a report concerning the cases of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente

Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes, beneficiaries of H.R. 14331, 93rd Congress.

The bill would provide for the beneficiaries' classification as a child and for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of petitions filed by James H. Hughes, Junior, and Kathleen S. Hughes, American citizens. It also provides that the natural parents, brothers or sisters of the beneficiaries shall not be accorded any right, privilege or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act by virtue of such relationship. It would also waive the provision of the Act which prohibits the adjustment of status to permanent residence of natives of the Western Hemisphere.

The American Embassy at Quito, Ecuador has reported that the beneficiaries, in the order listed in the private bill on their behalf, were born on August 16, 1962; April 30, 1967; April 30, 1967; November 15, 1969; January 10, 1970; October 19, 1970; and October 14, 1964, all in Ecuador. They were legally adopted in the Ecuadorian courts by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hughes, American citizens, during Mr. Hughes' employment as a drilling engineer for Texaco in Ecuador.

When for reasons of health, Mr. Hughes was obliged to leave Ecuador on short notice, the beneficiaries were issued visitor visas on July 18, 1973 for humanitarian reasons so that they could accompany Mr. and Mrs. Hughes to the United States.

Cordially,

LINWOOD HOLTON,
*Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations.*

Congressman Charles Wilson of Texas, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

STATEMENT BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES WILSON OF TEXAS FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your consideration of the bill, H.R. 2565, which I introduced for the relief of seven adopted children of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hughes of Liberty, Texas, and for the opportunity of presenting to your committee the circumstances which led to my introduction of this legislation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were married in 1962 while he was attending the University of Wyoming. He graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Mr. Hughes received a commission in the U.S. Army and served two years active duty immediately following graduation.

Prior to their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes found that they both had a strong desire to give a home to children who would not otherwise have a family.

When their first daughter was about one year old, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes acted as foster parents for two boys during the summer while they attended speech therapy classes at the University of Wyoming. This experience strengthened their desire to do all that they could to help children without a family or home.

A few months after the birth of their second daughter, they adopted their first son. In adopting this child, they asked for one who would

not readily find a home. As a result, their first adopted child is a North American Indian boy.

Following Mr. Hughes' release from active duty in the U.S. Army, he was employed by Texaco, Inc., where he is currently working as a drilling engineer.

Shortly after Mr. Hughes began working for Texaco, he and Mrs. Hughes decided that they wanted to adopt another hard-to-place child. Through the assistance of the Colorado State Welfare Department, they adopted a little girl of Spanish-Irish descent. It was later discovered that this little girl has cerebral palsy. However, this did not lessen the Hughes' love for this child or their determination to provide all the help that she needed to be able to live a normal life. She is enrolled in a program at a cerebral palsy center, where she receives special education and physical, occupational and speech therapy.

In 1970, Texaco, Inc. transferred Mr. Hughes to Ecuador. After living there about five months, they adopted two Ecuadorian children. Then in 1972, they adopted five more Ecuadorian children, one in February, one in April, two (twins) in October and one in December.

Legal adoption was completed in Ecuador on all seven of the Ecuadorian children. The children range in age from 5 to 13; there are 4 girls and 3 boys. The oldest girl, age 13, is blind.

The Hughes family was transferred back to the United States by Texaco before permanent visas could be obtained through normal channels.

There is no doubt that this family situation is unique. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have taken upon themselves a tremendous responsibility but appear to be very capable and are managing quite well. I believe under the circumstances and in order to ease the minds of this family regarding their citizenship status, this legislation should be acted upon as soon as possible. I ask that your committee give this early favorable consideration.

JOE L. KOCH, M.D.,
Beaumont, Tex., May 27, 1975.

HON. CHARLES WILSON,
U.S. House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WILSON: I am writing in behalf of Mr. James H. Hughes concerning the adoption proceedings of which you are well aware. I have been following Mr. Hughes for several months since his return from South America and I can assure you at this time he has no difficulties as far as hypoglycemic reactions are concerned. He has been suffering from some degree of agitation and tension but this has been of a minor degree and I am certain this does not affect his personal or professional life to any great extent.

Sincerely,

JOE L. KOCH, M.D., F.A.C.P.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Liberty, Tex., May 12, 1975.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Jim and Kathy Hughes for more than a year, and it has been my privilege to serve as their minister during this time.

Jim and Kathy are devoted and dedicated parents to their many adopted children. They provide a home where genuine love and mutual

concern pervades the atmosphere. It seems that no partiality is shown their children born to them over the nine they have adopted. All of the children are obviously emotionally healthy and happy.

Jim and Kathy have made it a point to adopt children who were in need of love rather than those who might provide some sort of fulfillment for them. One adopted child is blind, another has muscular dystrophy, and all have been in dire need of care and protection. Jim and Kathy have provided all of their needs and much more. They are indeed a family.

I would urge any type of legislation, and would encourage special legislation for this particular family if such would be feasible, to allow these children adopted in Ecuador to become legal residents of the United States. Jim is a good provider, Kathy is a loving and devoted mother, and altogether they comprise a close-knit family that is an inspiration to all who know them.

No phase of the lives of the children is neglected and each one appears to be developing mentally, morally, and spiritually beyond the average. Most importantly, these children reflect in their lives the emotional, physical and intellectual well-being that is the fruit of a loving atmosphere marked by neither oversubmissiveness or overindulgence.

It would be an act of justice if the term "illegal alien" were to be made no longer applicable to the adopted members of the family.

Most sincerely yours,

DOUGLAS B. FINCH,
Ordained Minister,
Presbyterian Church In The United States.

DAYTON, TEX., May 20, 1975.

HON. CHARLES WILSON,
U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District No. 2, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WILSON: Mr. James H. Hughes, Jr. has been employed by Texaco, Inc., as a petroleum engineer continuously since 1966. He is presently assigned to Texaco's Liberty, Texas, District of the Houston Division as District Drilling Engineer. In this capacity he provides the technical assistance and advice to the District Superintendent in the planning and execution of drilling and completion programs. Mr. Hughes has performed his duties in an outstanding manner, and his performance reflects great credit to himself and the petroleum engineering profession.

I have known Mr. Hughes personally for 18 months, and I have observed that he maintains the highest standards of morality and personal discipline. His progress within the Texaco organization is ahead of his contemporaries, and his annual salary and Company benefits are sufficient to meet his obligations to his dependents.

I fully endorse Mr. Hughes' efforts to provide a Christian home for his dependents, and I solicit your assistance in securing passage of legislation to facilitate this objective.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN,
District Petroleum Engineer,
Texaco, Inc.

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CEREBRAL PALSY FOUNDATION,
Beaumont, Tex., May 30, 1975.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, adoptive parents of Nikola Hughes are most cooperative parents, and take excellent care of all of their children.

Nikola was seen in December 1973 by our Medical Director and was diagnosed as Cerebral Palsy, spastic quadriplegia. Following this, she was placed on an outpatient program here, and the Hughes brought Nikola in once a week for therapy, driving approximately 50 miles each way. The parents learned various exercises, etc. so that they could help Nikola at home during this time. She showed a great deal of progress and improvement, and was admitted to our resident program October 14, 1974. She continues to improve and is receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy daily, plus schooling in a self contained classroom at the Foundation.

The parents provide all clothing, medications, plus a fee for her therapy, and room and board. In addition to this, they take care of medical expenses such as, glasses, dental, physical examinations whenever necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have two other children who require special treatment and care. Louisa, who is blind, attends class for blind here in Beaumont. Jaymes, who is slightly Cerebral Palsy, is seen in our clinic, approximately every two or three months. He wears one short leg brace and is on medication for hyperactivity.

We are aware that Mr. and Mrs. Hughes provide recreation and religious education for their children.

All in all, the Hughes' are exceptional parents, we have seen all of their children and have noted they are well taken care of, well adjusted, well behaved and happy children.

Sincerely yours,

MARGARET L. SNYDER (Mrs.) R.N., L.P.T.,
Executive Director.

MAY 28, 1975.

Mrs. HUGHES: Luisa Hughes, age 12, is in my class at Pietzsch Elem. School in Beaumont, Texas. She is in a Visually Handicapped EMR class. She is being taught reading and writing in all subjects at the third grade level with the use of Braille books and Braille for writing. She has had a perfect attendance record this year.

Yours truly,

L. TILKENS.

LIBERTY, TEX., May 21, 1975.

HON. CHARLES WILSON,
U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District II,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: It is a pleasure and I consider it an honor to comment on a person of such high personal integrity and honest character as Jim Hughes.

I know Jim to be a man with all the attributes of a fine Christian, good neighbor, hard worker and an exemplary father and husband. He

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is a gentleman at all times and is keenly interested in the welfare of his fellowman.

His attention to his profession is exceeded only by his regard for the well being of his family, and he is concerned with the spiritual as well as the physical and emotional stability of his family.

Your support for any favorable legislation that would enable Jim and Kathy to obtain permanent visas for their children would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ROY CAMP, Jr.,
Commissioner, Port of Liberty,
Liberty, Tex.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 2565) should be enacted.



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MARGARET I. SYDNER (Mrs.) R.N., L.P.T.
Executive Director

Yours truly,
J. P. TINKER

Hon. CHARLES WILSON, Chairman, U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District II, Washington, D.C.

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Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

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

An Act

For the relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes.

*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, Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vicente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes may be classified as children within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Act, upon approval of a petition filed in their behalf by James H. Hughes, Junior, and Kathleen S. Hughes, citizens of the United States, pursuant to section 204 of the Act: *Provided*, That the natural parents or brothers or sisters of the beneficiaries shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act. Sections 204(c) and 245(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be inapplicable in this case.*

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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