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Akin Supports Immigration Reform and Accountability Act

Washington, D.C.- Today, the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the Immigration Reform and Accountability Act of 2002. Representative Todd Akin will vote in support of the bill that reforms the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) by splitting it into two separate bureaus, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) and the Bureau of Immigration Enforcement (BIE).

BIE will deny admission to aliens who should be kept out of the U.S., while apprehending and removing deportable aliens along the border and interior.

BCIS will concentrate on improving immigration services for legal immigrants.

An Associate Attorney General will supervise the two bureaus and resolve conflicts between them.

“This bill will both help legal immigrants become full citizens and adjust to their new life in America, while helping us to secure our homeland by creating an entity whose sole responsibility is enforcement,” said Akin. “For too long, we have had an inept and inadequate INS trying to do both.”