

'CRUSHED'

KEN BUCK AMPS UP BATTLE AGAINST BIG TECH IN NEW BOOK



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Rep. Ken Buck, R-Colo., a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, stops for a reporter as he heads to the chamber for votes, at the Capitol in Washington on Dec. 2.

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Ken Buck says his conversion from a staunch free-market conservative to one of Washington's leading critics of big tech was sparked by testimony he heard on a frigid morning three years ago in Boulder.

As the lone Republican who attended a remote hearing of the House Judiciary

Committee's subcommittee on antitrust, Buck says he initially thought the panel on competition in the digital economy would be a waste of time.

The former prosecutor, who was re-elected in November to a fifth term representing the 4th Congressional District — covering parts of Weld and Douglas counties and Colorado's Eastern Plains — recounts the story in "Crushed: Big

Tech's War on Free Speech," published on Jan. 17 by Humanix Books.

"I believe in free, unregulated markets," Buck writes. "When I began to examine the evils perpetrated by Big Tech, I thought the market would correct itself."

But after hearing from founders and executives of smaller local tech

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