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SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications met, pursuant to notice, in open markup session, a quorum being present, on Thursday, March 27, 2014 in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider the following measure: H.R. 3283, (Mr. Bilirakis) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to modernize and implement the national integrated public alert and warning system to disseminate homeland security information and other information, and for other purposes. The "Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2013"; H.R. 4263, (Mrs. Brooks of Indiana) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes. The "Social Media Working Group Act of 2014"; and H.R. 4289, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The "Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act".

The Subcommittee took the following actions:

H.R. 3283, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to modernize and implement the national integrated public alert and warning system to disseminate homeland security information and other information, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be forwarded to the Full Committee with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Committee agreed to H.R. 3283, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3283 offered by Mrs. Brooks of Indiana (#1); was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An en bloc amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3283 offered by Mr. Payne (#1A); consisting of the following amendments:
Page 5, line 9, after "system" insert ", at least once every 5 years".

Page 6, line 12, after “ability of” insert “affected populations in”.

Page 7, line 25, before the colon insert “for a term established by the Secretary that does not exceed 5 years”.

Page 14, after line 14, insert a new subsection entitled “(f) Compatible Mobile Devices.” (and make appropriate conforming changes); was AGREED TO by voice vote.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Payne to consider his amendments en bloc was not objected to.

An en bloc amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3283 offered by Ms. Clarke (#1B); consisting of the following amendments:

Page 6, after line 3, insert the following (and make the appropriate conforming changes):

“(4) is, to the greatest extent practicable, hardened against cyber attacks;

Page 7, after line 17, insert the following (and make appropriate conforming changes):

“(F) The Under Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications of the Department of Homeland Security National Protection and Programs Directorate.

Page 12, after line 11, insert the following (and make appropriate conforming changes):

“(v) is hardened and resilient, to the greatest extent practicable, with respect to cyber attacks;

Page 14, after line 7, insert the following (and make appropriate conforming changes):

“(3) an assessment of the cybersecurity of the system, including any relevant vulnerability assessments;”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

A unanimous consent request by Ms. Clarke to consider her amendments en bloc was not objected to.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3283 offered by Mr. Higgins (#1C); Page 14, after line 7, insert the following (and make appropriate conforming changes):

“(3) recommendations based on lessons learned during events in which they system was utilized;”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 3283.

H.R. 4263, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be forwarded to the Full Committee with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Committee agreed to H.R. 4263, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4263 offered by Mrs. Brooks of Indiana (#1); was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An en bloc amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4263 offered by Mr. Payne (#1A); consisting of the following amendments:
Page 2, line 6, insert before “Membership” the following: “The Under Secretary shall establish term limits for individuals appointed to the Group Pursuant to paragraph (2).”.

Page 2, line 19, insert the following (and redesignate subsequent subparagraphs accordingly):

(E) The Office of Disability Integration and Coordination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Payne to consider his amendments en bloc was not objected to.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4263 offered by Mr. Higgins (#1B); Page 5, line 6, insert the following (and redesignate subsequent subparagraphs accordingly):

(4) Recommendations to improve public awareness of the type of information disseminated through social media, and how to access such information, during a terrorist attack or other emergency.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 4263.

H.R. 4289, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be forwarded to the Full Committee with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote.

