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COMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee on Homeland Security met, pursuant to notice, in open markup session, a quorum being present, on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, in 210 of the House Visitors Center and considered the following measures:

- H.R. 4176, (Mr. Thompson of Mississippi) To strengthen air cargo security, and for other purposes. The “Air Cargo Security Improvement Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 4227, (Mr. Latta) To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes. The “Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 4467, (Mr. Jody B. Hice of Georgia) To require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, and for other purposes. The “Strengthening Aviation Security Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 5074, (Mr. McCaul) To authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The “DHS Cyber Incident Response Teams Act of 2018”.
- H.R. 5079, (Mr. Bacon) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes. The “DHS Field Engagement Accountability Act”.
- H.R. 5081, (Mr. Katko) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Transportation Security Administration the Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes. The “Surface Transportation Security and Technology Accountability Act of 2018”.
- H.R. 5089, (Ms. Barragán) To improve threat information sharing, integrated operations, and law enforcement training for transportation security, and for other purposes. The “Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018”.

H.R. 5094, (Mr. King of New York) To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to improve suspicious activity reporting to prevent acts of terrorism, and for other purposes. The “Enhancing Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative Act”.

H.R. 5099, (Mr. Estes of Kansas) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a fusion center technical assistance program. The “Enhancing DHS’ Fusion Center Technical Assistance Program”.

H.R. 5131, (Mrs. Watson Coleman) To improve the effectiveness of Federal efforts to identify and address homeland security risks to surface transportation, secure against vehicle-based attacks, and conduct a feasibility assessment of introducing new security technologies and measures, and for other purposes. The “Surface Transportation Security Improvement Act of 2018”.

The Committee took the following actions:

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection from further consideration of H.R. 5074.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security from further consideration of H.R. 4176, H.R. 4467, H.R. 5081, and H.R. 5089.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence from further consideration of H.R. 4227, H.R. 5079, H.R. 5094, and H.R. 5099.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul that H.R. 5074, H.R. 5089, H.R. 5081, and H.R. 5099 be ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment; was not objected to.

H.R. 5074, To authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5089; To improve threat information sharing, integrated operations, and law enforcement training for transportation security, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5081, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Transportation Security Administration the Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5099, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a fusion center technical assistance program.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul that H.R. 4176, H.R. 5094, H.R. 5131, H.R. 5079, H.R. 4227, and H.R. 4467; be considered; the amendments prefiled with the Committee adopted; and the measures be ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended; was not objected to.

A motion by Mr. McCaul that staff be authorized to make technical and conforming corrections to the measures amended was not objected to.

H.R. 4176, To strengthen air cargo security, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendment was offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1); was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5094 , To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to improve suspicious activity reporting to prevent acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The Committee adopted H.R. 5094, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. King of New York (#1); In section 2(a), strike “180 days” and insert “one year”.; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5131, To improve the effectiveness of Federal efforts to identify and address homeland security risks to surface transportation, secure against vehicle-based attacks, and conduct a feasibility assessment of introducing new security technologies and measures, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The Committee adopted H.R. 5131 as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mrs. Watson Coleman (#1); In section 9, redesignate subsections (c) through (f) as subsections (b) through (e), respectively.; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5079 , To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The Committee adopted H.R. 5079, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Miss Rice of New York (#1); At the end of the bill add a new section entitled “Sec. 5. Report.”; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4227, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendment was offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Donovan (#1); was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4467, To require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The Committee adopted H.R. 4467, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Katko (#1); Page 2, line 15, strike “and”.
Page 2, line 18, strike the first period, the closing quotes, and the second period and insert “; and”.

Page 2, beginning line 19, insert the following: “(12) shall ensure that the seating arrangements of Federal air marshals on aircraft are determined in a manner that is risk-based and most capable of responding to current threats to aviation security.”; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

A motion by Mr. Katko that, pursuant to Rule XXII, clause 1, the Committee authorizes the Chair to offer such motions as may be necessary in the House to go to conference with the Senate on H.R. 4176, H.R. 4227, H.R. 4467, H.R. 5074, H.R. 5079, H.R. 5081, H.R. 5094, H.R. 5098, H.R. 5099, H.R. 5131, or any similar measure, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A motion by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi that, pursuant to Rule XI clause 2(l), Members may have two days in which to file any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views on H.R. 4176, H.R. 4227, H.R. 4467, H.R. 5074, H.R. 5079, H.R. 5081, H.R. 5094, H.R. 5098, H.R. 5099, or H.R. 5131, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

