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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, December 13, 2017, in 210 of the House Visitors Center to consider the following measures:

- H.R. 1486, (Mr. Thompson of Mississippi) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure non-profit facilities from terrorist attacks, and for other purposes. The “Securing American Non-Profit Organizations Against Terrorism Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 4433, (Mr. Correa) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to achieve security of sensitive assets among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The “Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 4553, (Mr. Garrett) To require a review of the authorization, funding, management, and operation of the National Targeting Center and the Terrorist Screening Center, and for other purposes. The “Terrorist Screening and Targeting Review Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 4555, (Mr. Rutherford) To authorize the participation in overseas interagency counterterrorism task forces of personnel of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The “DHS Interagency Counterterrorism Task Force Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 4559, (Mr. Estes of Kansas) To establish a global aviation security task force, and for other purposes. The “Global Aviation System Security Reform Act of 2017”.
- H.R. 4561, (Mr. Bilirakis) To provide for third party testing of transportation security screening technology, and for other purposes. The “Security Assessment Feasibility for Equipment Testing and Evaluation of Capabilities for our Homeland Act”.

H.R. 4564, (Mr. Higgins of Louisiana) To require a threat assessment on current foreign terrorist fighter activities, and for other purposes. The “Post-Caliphate Threat Assessment Act of 2017”.

H.R. 4567, (Mr. Katko) To require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel assessment and enhancement strategy, and for other purposes. The “DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2017”.

H.R. 4569, (Mr. Gallagher) To require counterterrorism information sharing coordination, and for other purposes. The “Counterterrorism Information Sharing Improvement Act of 2017”.

H.R. 4577, (Mr. Rogers) To establish a working group to determine ways to develop a domestic canine breeding network to produce high quality explosives detection canines, and for other purposes. The “Domestic Explosives Detection Canine Capacity Building Act of 2017”.

H.R. 4578, (Mr. Vela) To authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes. The “Counter Terrorist Network Act”.

H.R. 4581, (Mr. Fitzpatrick) To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop best practices for utilizing advanced passenger information and passenger name record data for counterterrorism screening and vetting operations, and for other purposes. The “Screening and Vetting Passenger Exchange Act of 2017”.

The Committee took the following actions:

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul that H.R. 4564, H.R. 4569, H.R. 4578, and H.R. 4581 be considered; that H.R. 4564, H.R. 4569, H.R. 4578, and H.R. 4581 be ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment; was not objected to.

H.R. 4564, To require a threat assessment on current foreign terrorist fighter activities, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4569, To require counterterrorism information sharing coordination, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4578, To authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the

House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4581, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop best practices for utilizing advanced passenger information and passenger name record data for counterterrorism screening and vetting operations, and for other purposes; 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. 4553, H.R. 4433, and H.R. 4555 be considered; that the amendments prefiled, listed on the roster, and included in the Member packets be adopted; and that H.R. 4553 H.R. 4433, and H.R. 4555 be ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended; was not objected to.

H.R. 4553, To require a review of the authorization, funding, management, and operation of the National Targeting Center and the Terrorist Screening Center, 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 offered by Ms. Jackson Lee; In section 2, add at the end the following:
(5) An assessment of the protocols within the NTC and TSC regarding how to receive and utilize information provided by Federal departments and agencies.; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4433, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to achieve security of sensitive assets among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency from further consideration of H.R. 4433.

The following amendment was offered:

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

H.R. 4555, To authorize the participation in overseas interagency counterterrorism task forces of personnel of the Department of Homeland Security, 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. 4555, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Ms. Jackson Lee; At the end of the bill, insert a new section entitled "Sec. 3. Annual Reports."; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4577, To establish a working group to determine ways to develop a domestic canine breeding network to produce high quality explosives detection canines, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted H.R. 4577, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mrs. Watson Coleman (#1); In section 3, redesignate subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively.

In section 3, insert after subsection (b) a new subsection entitled "(c) Chairpersons."

In section 3, add at the end a new subsections entitled "(f) Consultation." and "(g) Sunset."

In section 4(a), insert ", medical standards, and technical standards" after "behavioral standards".

In section 4(b), in the first sentence, strike "issued pursuant to subsection (a), and the preliminary medical standards and technical standards issued pursuant to section 3," and insert ", medical standards, and technical standards" after "behavioral standards".

In section 4(b), in the first sentence, insert ", as appropriate," after "incorporated".

In section 4(b), in the first sentence, strike "explosive" and insert "explosives"; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

H.R. 1486, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure non-profit facilities from terrorist attacks, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications from further consideration of H.R. 1486.

The following amendments were offered:

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

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Langevin (#1A); Page 2, line 18, insert “including cybersecurity resilience activities,” after “appropriate activity,”; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

H.R. 4567, To require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel assessment and enhancement strategy, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted H.R. 4567, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Thompson (#1); Page 2, line 1, insert “and every 180 days thereafter” after “(Public Law 114–328)”.

Page 3, beginning line 1, insert the following:

(5) The status of efforts to implement the strategy referred to in subsection (a).

(6) The status of efforts (beginning with the second briefing required under this section) to implement the enhancement plan under section 3.

Add at the end of the bill a new section entitled “Sec. 4. Termination.”; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Langevin, listed on the roster as by Ms. Jackson Lee (#2); In section 3(b)(3), strike “and” after the semicolon at the end.

In section 3(b)(4), strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

In section 3(b), add at the end the following: (5) maintain practices to guard against counter-espionage threats associated with Department personnel.; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

H.R. 4559, To establish a global aviation security task force, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted H.R. 4559, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendment was offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Langevin; In section 3(a), insert “, including standards intended to mitigate cybersecurity threats,” after “standards”..; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

H.R. 4561, To provide for third party testing of transportation security screening technology, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted H.R. 4561, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Thompson; At the end of section 3, insert a new subsection entitled “(f) Eligible entities.”; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Ms. Barragán; At the end of the bill add a new section entitled “Sec. 5. GAO Review.”; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

A motion by Mr. Rogers of Alabama 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. 1486, H.R. 4433, H.R. 4553, H.R. 4555, H.R. 4559, H.R. 4561, H.R. 4564, H.R. 4567, H.R. 4569, H.R. 4577, H.R. 4578, H.R. 4581, 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. 1486, H.R. 4433, H.R. 4553, H.R. 4555, H.R. 4559, H.R. 4561, H.R. 4564, H.R. 4567, H.R. 4569, H.R. 4577, H.R. 4578, or H.R. 4581, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

