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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, May 20, 2015, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider the following measures:

- H.R. 1300, (King of New York), To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes. The “First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act”.
- H.R. 1615, (Mr. Carter of Georgia), To direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes. The “DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015”.
- H.R. 1626, (Mr. Hurd of Texas), To reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The “DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015”.
- H.R. 1633, (Mr. Loudermilk), To provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes. The “DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015”.
- H.R. 1637, (Mr. Ratcliffe), To require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The “Federally Funded Research and Development Sunshine Act of 2015”.
- H.R. 1640, (Mr. Walker), To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes. The “Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”.

H.R. 1646, (Mrs. Watson Coleman), To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how small and medium sized unmanned aerial systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the effects of such an attack, and for other purposes. The “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”.

H.R. 1738, (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 2015”.

H.R. 2200, (Ms. McSally), To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security. The “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”.

H.R. 2206, (Mr. Payne), To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes. The “State Wide Interoperable Communications Enhancement Act” or the “SWIC Enhancement Act”.

H.R. 2390, (Mr. Thompson of Mississippi), To require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes. The “Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act”.

The Committee took the following actions:

H.R. 1300, To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. King of New York (#1); was AGREED TO, amended, by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#1A) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; Page 4, line 24, insert after “including” the following: “the percentage of eligible emergency response providers, as determined by each pilot location, that volunteer to participate,”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 1300.

H.R. 1615, To direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Carter of Georgia (#1); was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

An en bloc amendment offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#1A) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; consisting of the following amendments:

An amendment:

Page 2, line 3, before the semicolon insert the following: “, which may include information on how to adopt automated processing of requests made under paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of section 552(a) of title 5, United States Code”.

An amendment:

An Page 5, after line 8, insert the following:

(D) An assessment of the progress made towards automating the processing of requests made under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 552(a) of title 5, United States Code, during the period covered by the report.

Page 5, after line 22, a new section entitled “Sec. 3. Progress on Automation.”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 1615.

H.R. 1626, To reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Hurd of Texas (#1); was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#1A); Page 2, beginning line 7, insert the following:

(D) A methodology for determining which system should be eliminated when there is duplication or fragmentation.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 1626.

H.R. 1633, To provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

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

An amendment offered by Mrs. Torres (#1A) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; Page 2, line 8, strike “and”.

Page 2, line 12, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 2, after line 12, insert the following:

“(3) the average duration that employees are placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters for a period of six consecutive months or longer, as of the last day of the period covered by the report for the component.”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mrs. Watson Coleman (#1B) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; Page 3, after line 11, insert a new subsection entitled “(d) Leverage of Existing Systems”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mrs. Watson Coleman (#1C) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; Page 5, after line 17, insert a new section entitled “Sec. 5. Additional Resources.”; was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Mrs. Watson Coleman to withdraw her amendment, was not objected to.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 1633.

H.R. 1637, To require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency from further consideration of H.R. 1637.

H.R. 1640, To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

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

An en bloc amendment offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#1A) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; consisting of the following amendments:

An amendment:

Page 1, line 16, strike paragraph (1) and insert the following: (1) A proposed occupancy plan for the consolidation project that includes specific information about which Department-wide operations, component operations, and support offices will be located at the site, the aggregate number of full time equivalent employees projected to occupy the site, and schedule estimates for migrating operations to the site.

Page 2, line 15, strike "the estimated costs savings of" and insert "any estimated cost savings associated with".

An amendment:

Page 2, line 25, strike "including" and all that follows through "; and" on page 2, line 2, and insert "including-".

Page 3, after line 2, insert the following: (i) an end-state vision that identifies which Department-wide operations, component operations, and support offices do not migrate to the St. Elizabeths campus and continue to operate at a property in the leased portfolio;

(ii) the number of full time equivalent employees who are expected to operate at each property, component, or office; and (iii) timing and anticipated leased terms, for leased space under the plan referred to in paragraph (4).; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 1640.

H.R. 1646, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how small and medium sized unmanned aerial systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the effects of such an attack, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence from further consideration of H.R. 1646.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how certain commercially available small and medium sized unmanned aircraft systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the risk of such an attack, and for other purposes.”.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mrs. Watson Coleman (#1); was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 1646.

H.R. 1738, 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 reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Chair discharged the Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications from further consideration of H.R. 1738.

The Committee adopted H.R. 1738, as amended by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. McSally (#1); was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Payne (#1A); Page 13, line 7, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent clauses accordingly):

“(v) is reliable, resilient, and secure, and can withstand acts of terrorism, hazards, and other external attacks or dangers;; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 1738.

H.R. 2200, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence from further consideration of H.R. 2200.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. McSally (#1); was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Higgins (#1A); Page 2, line 8, insert “, including the transportation of chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological materials,” after “(2)”.

Page 2, line 19, insert “and other Federal agencies, as appropriate” after “stakeholders”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 2200.

H.R. 2206, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Loudermilk (#1); Page 2, line 15, strike “overseeing” and insert “coordinating”.

Page 2, line 23, strike “implementing” and insert “coordinating”.

Page 3, line 2, insert “, modification,” after “progress”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 2206.

H.R. 2390, (Mr. Thompson of Mississippi) To require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies from further consideration of H.R. 2390.

A motion by Mr. Ratcliffe 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. 1300, H.R. 1615, H.R. 1626, H.R. 1633, H.R. 1637, H.R. 1640, H.R. 1646, H.R. 1738, H.R. 2200, H.R. 2206, and H.R. 2390., 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. 1300, H.R. 1615, H.R. 1626, H.R. 1633, H.R. 1637, H.R. 1640, H.R. 1646, H.R. 1738, H.R. 2200, H.R. 2206, and H.R. 2390, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

