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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, July 15, 2015, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider the following measures:

H.R. 2899, (Mr. McCaul), To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Office for Countering Violent Extremism. The “Countering Violent Extremism Act of 2015”.

The Committee took the following actions:

H.R. 2899, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Office for Countering Violent Extremism.; 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. McCaul (#1); was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

A Substitute Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#2); was NOT AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Katko (#1A) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; In subsection (d) of the proposed section 104 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as added by section 1 of the bill), add the following: “(6) Coordinating with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to administer the grant program under subsection (f).”.

Redesignate subsections (f) through (h) of the proposed section 104 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as added by section 1 of the bill) as subsections (i) through (k), respectively.

Insert a new subsection entitled “(f) Grant Program.”

In subsection (i) (relating to the annual report), as so redesignated, of the proposed section 104 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as added by section 1 of the bill), insert the following: “(8) An evaluation of the grant program under subsection (f),

including information on the effectiveness of such grants in countering violent extremism.”.

In subsection (h) (relating to authorization of funding), insert before the period at the end the following: “of which \$6,000,000 shall be used to carry out the grant program under subsection (f)”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Loudermilk (#1C) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; Page 8, beginning line 13, insert the following:

“(8) A description of how the Office incorporated lessons learned from the countering violent extremism programs and policies of other Foreign departments and agencies, as well as foreign, State, local, tribal, and territorial governments and stakeholder communities.”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Duncan of South Carolina (#1D) to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; Page 8, line 20, strike the closing quotation mark and the second period.

Page 8, beginning line 21, insert a new subsection entitled “(i) Sunset.”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 2899.

A motion by Mr. King 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. 2899, or any similar measure, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A motion by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi that, pursuant to Rule XI clause 2(1), Members may have two days in which to file any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views on H.R. 2899, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

