



**One Hundred Seventeenth Congress
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
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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, September 14, 2022 via Cisco WebEx to consider the following measures:

H.Res. 1236, (Mr. Biggs) Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the Disinformation Governance Board.;

H.Res. 1328, (Mr. Meijer) Requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of border policies of the United States.;

H.R. 3756, (Ms. Clarke) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security to research and evaluate existing Federal research regarding approaches to mitigate climate change on homeland security to identify areas for further research within the Department, research and develop approaches to mitigate the consequences of climate change on homeland security, and for other purposes. The “Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act.”;

H.R. 8610, (Mrs. Demings) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Office of Health Security, make technical corrections to the authorization of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Committee, establish a departmental biodefense strategy, and for other purposes.; and

H.R. 8801, (Mr. Correa) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish stronger accountability mechanisms for Joint Task Forces, and for other purposes. The “DHS Joint Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2022.”

The Committee took the following actions:

A motion by Mr. Thompson to report H.R. 8610, as amended, with a favorable recommendation; was AGREED TO by voice vote. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to report H.R. 8801, as amended, to the House with a favorable recommendation; was AGREED TO by voice vote. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to report H.R. 3756, as amended, to the House with a favorable recommendation; was AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 19 yeas to 14 nays (**RC#34**). A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to adversely report H.Res. 1236 to the House; was AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 19 yeas to 15 nays (**RC#35**). A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to adversely report H.Res. 1328 to the House; was AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 18 yeas to 16 nays (**RC#36**). A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

H.R. 8610, (Mrs. Demings), To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Office of Health Security, make technical corrections to the authorization of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Committee, establish a departmental biodefense strategy, and for other purposes. The “Health Security and Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act.”

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mrs. Demings (002): An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mrs. Miller-Meeks (039): Page 4, line 10, strike “paragraph (10)” and insert “paragraph (11)”. Page 5, beginning line 10, insert the following: “(8) with respect to preparation and response for pandemics, ensuring the protection of the workforce of the Department, with an emphasis on front line workers most at risk, through—
“(A) health security planning; and
“(B) provision of subject matter and planning expertise to the Chief Readiness Support Officer of the Department regarding stockpiling and distribution of supplies, including adequate personal protective equipment;”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to report H.R. 8610, as amended, to the House with a favorable recommendation; was AGREED TO by voice vote. A motion to consider was laid on the table.

H.R. 8801, (Mr. Correa), To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish stronger accountability mechanisms for Joint Task Forces, and for other purposes. The “DHS Joint Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2022.”

The following amendment was offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Correa (011): An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to report H.R. 8801 to the House, as amended, with a favorable recommendation; was AGREED TO by voice vote. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

H.R. 3756, (Ms. Clarke), To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security to research and evaluate existing Federal research regarding approaches to mitigate climate change on homeland security to identify areas for further research within the Department, research and develop approaches to mitigate the consequences of climate change on homeland security, and for other purposes. The “Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act.”

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Ms. Clarke (017): An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Pfluger (040): Add at the end of section 3 the following: “Such report shall also include information relating to the environmental impacts on private and public land along the southwest border by aliens unlawfully present in the United States, whether such aliens have threatened wildlife habitats or damaged agricultural producing land, and the total amount of funds expended by Federal, State, and local entities to address environmental damage stemming from illegal immigration.”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. Clarke (049): Strike “relating to the

environmental impacts” and all that follows through “environmental damage stemming from illegal immigration” and insert “that may relate to border security operations and infrastructure at the northern and southern borders of the United States, and within each border region, as may relate to private and public lands, agricultural producing lands, sacred sites, wildlife habitats, other environmentally sensitive areas, and migration activity”.; was AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 18 yeas to 16 nays (**RC#33**).

A motion by Mr. Thompson to report H.R. 3756, as amended, to the House with a favorable recommendation; was AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 19 yeas to 14 nays (**RC#34**). A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

H. Res. 1236, (Mr. Biggs), Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the Disinformation Governance Board.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to adversely report H. Res. 1236 to the House; was AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 19 yeas to 15 nays (**RC#35**). A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

H. Res. 1328, (Mr. Meijer), Requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of border policies of the United States.

A motion by Mr. Thompson to adversely report H. Res. 1328 to the House; was AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 18 yeas to 16 nays (**RC#36**). A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Without objection, the amendments agreed to at today’s markup will be reported to the House in the form of one amendment in the nature of a substitute for each bill.; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Without objection, staff is authorized to make technical and conforming changes to all measures to reflect the actions of the Committee.; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Mr. Katko gave notice that, pursuant to Rule XI clause 2(1), Members may have two days in which to file any supplemental, minority, or additional views on H. Res. 1236, H. Res. 1328, H.R. 3756, H.R. 8610, and H.R. 8801.

