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The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met at 10:00 a.m. in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building pursuant to notice, in an open session, a quorum being present, and considered the following measures:

- H.R. 2548** – To modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes. The “Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act”.
- H.R. 2726** – To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains. The “Banning Smoking on Amtrak Act of 2019”.
- H.R. 3362** – To amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, and for other purposes. The “Small Airport Mothers’ Rooms Act of 2019”.
- H.R. 3409** – To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes. The “Coast Guard Authorization of 2019”.

The Committee took the following actions:

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**H.R. 3409**, To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, 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 Coast Guard and Maritime Security from further consideration of H.R. 3409.

The following amendments were offered:

A Manager’s amendment offered by Mr. DeFazio (#1); consisting of the following:

At the end of title II insert the following new sections:

- “Sec. 212. Coast Guard Pay; Continuation.”;
- “Sec. 213. Research Projects; Transactions Other Than Contracts and Grants.”;
- “Sec. 214. Acquisition Workforce Authorities.”;
- “Sec. 215. Coast Guard Housing Fund.”;
- “Sec. 216. Report on Coast Guard Defense Readiness Resources Allocation.”;

At the end of title III, insert the following new sections:

- “Sec. 315. Abandoned Seafarers Fund.”;
- “Sec. 316. Ice Patrol; Payments.”;
- “Sec. 317. Security Plans; Reviews.”;

“Sec. 318. Waiver of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Laws.”;

“Sec. 319. Requirement for Small Shipyard Grantees.”;

“Sec. 320. Independent Study on the United States Merchant Marine Academy.”;

“Sec. 321. Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education.”;

“Sec. 322. Renewal of Merchant Mariner Licenses and Documents.”;

At the end of title IV, insert the following new sections:

“Sec. 422. Homeland Security Rotational Cybersecurity Research Program at the Coast Guard Academy.”;

“Sec. 423. Towing Vessel Inspection Fees.”;

“Sec. 424. Subrogated Claims.”;

“Sec. 425. Loan Provisions Under Oil Pollution Act of 1990.”;

“Sec. 426. Liability Limits.”;

“Sec. 427. Report on Drug Interdiction in the Caribbean Basin.”;

“Sec. 428. Voting Requirement.”

Page 154, strike “(2) Strategy with Milestones” and all that follows through “restructure” on page 155, line 1, and insert a new subsection entitled “(2) Strategy with Milestones.”

Page 155, line 6, insert “an Act of” after “by”.

Page 156, lines 11-13, strike “including the Coast Guard Academy Minority outreach Team Program described under section 1905;” and insert “including the effectiveness of the Coast Guard Academy Minority Outreach Team Program described under section 1905 and of outreach and recruitment activities in the territories and other possessions of the United States;”.

On page 159, line 22, insert “and officers from territories and other possessions of the United States” after “minority officers”.

Page 161, line 15, insert “upon submitting an application” after “requirements”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Garamendi (#2); At the end of title IV, insert a new section entitled “Sec. 422. Transportation Work Identification Card Pilot Program.”; was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent by Mr. Garamendi to withdraw his amendment, was not objected to.

An amendment offered by Mr. Graves of Louisiana (#3); At the end of title II, insert a new section entitled “Sec. 315. Pilot Project.”; was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent by Mr. Graves of Louisiana to withdraw his amendment, was not objected to.

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#4); At the end of title II, insert a new section entitled “Sec. 212. Report on the Feasibility of Liquified Natural Gas Fueled Vessels.”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Graves of Louisiana (#5); On page 102, line 6, strike “50 feet overall in length and is built after July 1, 2013” and insert “150 feet and is built after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019”.; was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent by Mr. Graves of Louisiana to withdraw his amendment, was not objected to.

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**H.R. 2548**, To modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, 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 Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management from further consideration of H.R. 2549.

The following amendment was offered:

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

A unanimous consent request by Mr. DeFazio to consider the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute as base text for purposes of amendment, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

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**H.R. 2726**, To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains.; 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 Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials from further consideration of H.R. 2726.

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**H.R. 3362**, To amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, 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 Aviation from further consideration of H.R. 3362.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. DeFazio that each bill ordered reported today will be reported as a single Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute incorporating any amendments adopted, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. DeFazio that staff be authorized to make all necessary technical, clarifying and conforming changes to H.R. 2548, H.R. 2726, H.R. 3362, and H.R. 3409, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A motion by Mr. DeFazio 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. 2548, H.R. 2726, H.R. 3362, H.R. 3409, or any similar measure, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A motion by Mr. DeFazio 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. 2548, H.R. 2726, H.R. 3362, or H.R. 3409, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. DeFazio that, the Chair, after consultation with the Ranking Member, has authority to strike or revise any provision of the bills ordered reported today that would cause a sequential referral to another committee, or that would cause the bills to concurrent resolutions to be subject to a Budget Act of Rule 21 PAYGO point of order, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Chair notes the presence of a quorum for actions taken on all Committee business today.

