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SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

The Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection of the Committee on Homeland Security met, pursuant to notice, in open markup session, a quorum being present, on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, in 1539 Longworth House Office Building to consider H.R. 1413. The Subcommittee took the following actions:

H.R. 1413, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen individuals with unrestricted access to secure and sterile areas of airports, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be forwarded to the Full Committee for consideration, as amended, by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Ms. Jackson-Lee to favorably order H.R. 1413 forwarded to the Full Committee, amended, for consideration; was not objected to.

H.R. 1413 was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendment was offered:

An amendment offered by Ms. Jackson-Lee (#1); on Page 2, line 7, after "at" strike "5 service airports to screen all airport workers with access" and insert "7 service airports to screen all individuals with unescorted access". Page 2, line 10, after "Code." insert "At one of the seven airports, the Assistant Secretary shall deploy, instead of the screening standards under subsection (c), alternative means of screening all individuals with unescorted access to secure and sterile areas of the airport. Alternative means of screening includes: (1) biometric technology for airport access control; (2) behavior recognition programs; (3) canines to screen airport workers; (4) targeted physical inspections of employees; (5) video cameras; and (6) increased employee vetting, training, and awareness programs.". Page 2, line 14, before "Each" insert "At least 1 of the airports participating in the pilot program shall be a category III airport.". Page 2, line 20 after

"screening for" delete "airport workers" and replace with "individuals with unescorted access". Page 2, line 23 after "minimum of" delete "2 airports" and replace with "1 airport". Page 2, line 24 delete "private screening companies that meet" and replace with "a private screening company that meets". Page 2, line 26 after "Code." insert "That airport shall be an airport that uses such a private screening company to carry out passenger screenings as of the date of the enactment of this Act.". Page 3, line 5, strike "exclusively to screen airport workers under the pilot program." and replace with "screen individuals with unescorted access on a priority basis under the pilot program. Such lane may also be used to screen passengers.". Page 3, line 20, insert "(f) OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENTS.-As part of the pilot program under this section, the Assistant Secretary shall conduct an operational assessment at each airport participating in the pilot program. Each such assessment shall include an evaluation of- (1) the effect on security of any increase in terminal congestion created as a result of screening individuals with unescorted access under the pilot program; (2) the average wait times at screening checkpoints for passengers and individuals with unescorted access; (3) any additional personnel required to screen individuals with unescorted access; (4) the effect of screening individuals with unescorted access on other security-related activities at the airport; (5) any lost productivity of individuals with unescorted access associated with airport participation in the pilot program; and (6) the rate at which "prohibited items" are detected and confiscated from individuals with unescorted access." Page 3, line 21, redesignate subsections (f) through (h) as subsections (g) through (i), respectively. Page 4, line 21, after "conducted under subsection (d)." insert "(E) An estimate of the infrastructure and personnel requirements necessary to implement a screening program for individuals with unescorted access at all commercial service airports in the United States in order to process each passenger or employee through each screening checkpoint in fewer than 10 minutes."; and to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen individuals with unrestricted access to secure and sterile areas of airports, and for other purposes.".; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

