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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, March 28, 2012, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider the following measures: H.R. 2179, To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organizations, Incorporated, and for other purposes.; H.R. 2764, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction 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, and for other purposes.; H.R. 3140, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems.; and H.R. 3563, 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 Committee took the following actions:

H.R. 3563, to authorize the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to ensure the timely and effective distribution of alerts and warnings.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted H.R. 3563, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Bilirakis (#1); was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Bilirakis to amend his Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to insert after “with” on page 11, line 2 “disabilities and”; was not objected to.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. King to consider and approve the following amendments: #1A, #1B, #1C, and #1D; was not objected to.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. McCaul (#1A); Page 4, line 12, after “training” insert “,integrated into the National Incident Management System,”.; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson (#1B); Page 5, beginning at line 22, strike “needs” and all that follows through line 23 and insert “needs;”.

Page 5 after line 23, insert the following, (and redesignate accordingly):

“(6) is designed to improve the ability of remote areas and areas with underdeveloped telecommunications infrastructure to receive alerts; and; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. Richardson (#1C); Page 8, line 10, strike “and” after the semicolon.

Page 8, line 14, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 8, after line 14, insert the following:

“(IX) national organizations representing educational institutions, including higher education.

Page 10, line 15, strike “and” after the semicolon.

Page 10, after line 15, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent quoted subparagraph accordingly):

“(C) recommendations for increasing participation in the system, particularly among elementary, secondary, and higher education institutions; and.; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#1D); Page 11, line 21, strike “and” after the semicolon.

“(viii) promotes the participation of representatives from underserved and underrepresented communities, to ensure that alerts and warnings reach such populations; and”.; was AGREED TO, by unanimous consent.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. Hahn (#1E); Page 4, line 23, strike “and”.

Page 4, after line 23, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly):

“(8) consult with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to ensure the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center are capable of participating in tests of the public alert and warning system; and; was WITHDRAWN, by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Ms. Hahn to withdraw her amendment was not objected to.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 3563.

H.R. 2764, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction 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, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted H.R. 2764, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Clarke of Michigan (#1); Page 2, strike lines 18 through 20 and insert the following:

“(2) support homeland security-focused intelligence analysis of global biological threats, including infections disease, public health, food, agricultural, and veterinary issues, through activities such as engagement of international partners; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 2764.

H.R. 3140, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote.

H.R. 2179, To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organizations, Incorporated, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted H.R. 2179, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

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

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature os a Substitute offered by Ms. Hochul (#1A); Page 1, line 1, insert after “Unclaimed Money” the following: “And Clothing”.

Page 1, line 5, insert after “unclaimed money” the following: “and clothing”.

Page 1, line 6, strike “In General.—“ and insert “Unclaimed Money.—”.

Page 1, after line 13, insert a new subparagraph entitled “(b) Unclaimed Clothing.

Page 1, line 14, strike “(b)” and insert “(c)”.

Page 2, after line 9, insert a new subsection entitled “(b) Clerical Amendment.”; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 2179.

A motion by Mr. Lungren that, pursuant to Rule XXII, clause 1, the Committee authorize the Chair to offer such motions as may be necessary in the House to go to conference with the Senate on H.R. 2179, H.R. 2764, H.R. 3140, and H.R. 3563 or on any similar Senate bills, was agreed to.

A motion by Mr. Thompson that, pursuant to Rule XI clause 2(1), Members may have two days in which to file supplemental, minority, and additional views on H.R. 2179, H.R. 2764, H.R. 3140, and H.R. 3563, was agreed to.

