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SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security met, pursuant to notice, in open markup session, a quorum being present, on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider the following measure: H.R. 1417, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

The Subcommittee took the following actions:

H.R. 1417, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes; was reported to the Full Committee with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

The Subcommittee agreed to H.R. 1417, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Mrs. Miller (#1); was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

A unanimous consent request by Mrs. Miller to consider the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute as base text for purposes of amendment was not objected to.

An en bloc amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#1A); consisting of an amendment: In section 3(b)(3), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), insert "in accordance with privacy, civil liberties, and civil rights protections," before "including".; An amendment: In section 3(b), redesignate paragraphs (7) through (9) as paragraphs (8) through (10), respectively. In section 3(b), insert after paragraph (6) a new paragraph (7).; and An amendment: In section 3, insert a new subsection (h) entitled "(h) Collaboration". In section 3(i)(1), strike "and the independent assessment

under subsection (h)”. In section 3(i)(2),. Strike “and the independent assessment”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Mr. Duncan (#1B); In subsection (f), redesignate paragraphs (1) through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively, and move such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two ems to the right. In subsection (f), strike “Not later than 120 days” and insert the following new paragraphs: “(1) In general.” “(1) In General.” In subsection (f), add at the end the following: “(2) Covert Testing.”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Ms. Sanchez (#1C); In section 3(c)(1), strike “detection technology capabilities” and insert “for continuous and systematic surveillance of the international borders of the United States.”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Ms. Sanchez (#1D); Add at the end of section 3(b) the following: (10) An assessment of existing efforts and technologies used for border security and the effect of the use of such efforts and technologies on civil rights, private property rights, privacy rights, and civil liberties. (11) A prioritized list of research and development objectives to enhance the security of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Ms. Sanchez (#1E); Add at the end of the bill a new section entitled “Sec. 4. Border Community Liaison.”; was WITHDRAWN.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Mr. Marino (#1F); In section 3, redesignate subsections (k), (1), and (m) as subsections (1), (m), and (n), respectively. In section 3, insert after subsection (j) a new subsection entitled “(k) Failure to Achieve Situational Awareness or Operational Control.”; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Mr. O’Rourke (#1G); In section 3(b)(4), insert strike “enhanced security” and insert “both enhance security and facilitate trade”;

An amendment: In section 3(f), add at the end the following: (5) A measurement system of how the border security apparatus affects crossing times.; and

An amendment: In section 3(l)(1), insert “and their effect on cross-border trade and passenger travel” after “vulnerabilities”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An en bloc amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Mr. Palazzo (#1H); consisting of an amendment: In section (b)

of section (3), redesignate paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively, and insert after paragraph (7) a new paragraph (8).; and
An amendment: In section 3(m)(5), insert “not lower than” before “90 percent”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Mr. Barletta (#1I); In section 3(b)(6), insert “territorial,” after “tribal,”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1417 offered by Ms. Gabbard (#1J); In section 3(b)(5), insert before the period at the end the following: “, including efforts to ensure that a new border security technology can be operationally integrated with existing technologies in use the Department”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 4251.

