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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 23, 2016, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider the following measures:

- H.R. 4482, (Ms. McSally) To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a southwest border threat analysis, and for other purposes. The “Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016”.
- H.R. 4509, (Mr. Payne) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify membership of State planning committees or urban area working groups for the Homeland Security Grant Program, and for other purposes. The “State and High-Risk Urban Area Working Group Act”.
- H.R. 4549, (Mr. Walden) To require the Transportation Security Administration to conduct security screening at certain airports, and for other purposes. The “Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016”.
- H.R. 4698, (Mr. Katko) To enhance aviation by requiring airport security assessments and a security coordination enhancement plan, and for other purposes. The “Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports Through Enhanced Security Act of 2016”.
- H.R. 4780, (Mr. Thompson of Mississippi) To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy for Department of Homeland Security operations abroad, and for other purposes. The “Department of Homeland Security Strategy for International Programs Act”.
- H.R. 4785, (Mr. Perry) To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department’s vehicle fleet, and for other purposes. The “DHS Stop Asset and Vehicle Excess Act”.
- H.R. 4820, (Mr. Fleischmann) To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former or estranged violent extremists or their associates in order to

counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes. The “Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016”.

The Committee took the following actions:

H.R. 4482, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a southwest border threat analysis, 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 Border and Maritime Security from further consideration of H.R. 4482.

A motion by Mr. King of New York to dispense with the first reading, was AGREED TO by a recorded vote of 14 yeas and 6 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 16). The vote was as follows:

Roll No. 16	
Yeas	Nays
Mr. McCaul	Mr. Thompson of Mississippi
Mr. King of New York	Mr. Higgins
Mrs. Miller of Michigan	Mr. Richmond
Mr. Marino	Mr. Payne
Mr. Barletta	Mrs. Watson Coleman
Mr. Perry	Mrs. Torres
Mr. Clawson	
Mr. Katko	
Mr. Hurd of Texas	
Mr. Walker	
Ms. McSally	
Mr. Donovan	
Mr. Vela	
Miss Rice of New York	
Total	6
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The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. McSally (#1); was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1A); In section 2(a), add at the end the following: (7) An assessment of traveler crossing times and any potential security vulnerability associated with prolonged wait times.; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1B); In section 2(a), add at the end the following:

(7) An assessment of impact of trusted traveler programs on border wait times and border security.; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1C); In section 2(b)(1), insert before the period at the end the following: “, including needs and challenges identified as a result of previous investments that have not fully realized the security and operational benefits that were sought”.; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

The Committee considered an en bloc amendment consisting of four amendments offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi. The Chair announced that the amendments would be voted upon as two separate amendments as follows:

An en bloc amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1D); consisting of the following:

An amendment: In section 2(b)(2), insert before the period at the end the following: “, including needs and challenges associated with recruitment and hiring”.

An amendment: In section 2(b), add at the end the following: (7) International agreements between the United States and Mexico related to border security.

An amendment: In section 3(a), insert “, in consultation with the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security,” after “shall”.; was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1D); In section 3(b)(14), strike “the security of the southwest border” and insert “Border Patrol operations and activities”.; was NOT AGREED TO, by a recorded vote of 8 yeas and 18 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 17). The vote was as follows:

Roll No. 17	
Yeas	Nays
Mr. Thompson of Mississippi Mr. Higgins Mr. Richmond Mr. Keating Mr. Payne Mr. Vela Mrs. Watson Coleman Mrs. Torres	Mr. McCaul Mr. Smith of Texas Mr. King of New York Mr. Rogers of Alabama Mrs. Miller of Michigan Mr. Duncan of South Carolina Mr. Marino Mr. Barletta Mr. Perry Mr. Katko Mr. Hurd of Texas Mr. Carter of Georgia Mr. Walker Mr. Loudermilk Ms. McSally

	Mr. Ratcliffe Mr. Donovan Miss Rice of New York	
Total	8	18

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 4482.

H.R. 4509, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify membership of State planning committees or urban area working groups for the Homeland Security Grant Program, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to discharge the Subcommittee on Emergency, Response, and Communications; consider the measure by roster; dispense with the first reading; and adopt the measure without amendment, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to report the measure to the House with a favorable recommendation; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

H.R. 4549, To require the Transportation Security Administration to conduct security screening at certain airports, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Transportation Security from further consideration of H.R. 4549.

The following amendment was offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1); In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Effects on Other Airports.”; was AGREED TO by unanimous consent .

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to discharge the Subcommittee on Transportation Security; consider the measure by roster; dispense with the first reading; and adopt the measure as amended, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to report the measure to the House with a favorable recommendation, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 4549.

H.R. 4698, To enhance aviation by requiring airport security assessments and a security coordination enhancement plan, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendment was offered:

An amendment offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#1); In section 3(b), strike “secure” and insert “determine if the implementation of such efforts and capabilities effectively secures”.; was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to consider the measure by roster; dispense with the first reading; and adopt the measure as amended, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to report the measure to the House with a favorable recommendation, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 4698.

H.R. 4780, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy for Department of Homeland Security operations abroad, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendment was offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1); In section 2(d), strike “by” and insert “but”.; was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to consider the measure by roster; dispense with the first reading; and adopt the measure as amended, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to report the measure to the House with a favorable recommendation, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 4780.

H.R. 4785 To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department’s vehicle fleet, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by unanimous consent

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#1); In section 2, in the proposed subsection (c)(2)(A) of section 701 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, in the matter preceding clause (i), strike “Each component head” and insert “Component heads”.

In section 2, in the proposed subsection (c)(4)(B), in the matter preceding clause (i), strike “Each component head” and insert “Component heads shall”.

In section 2, in the proposed subsection (c)(4)(C)(i), strike “obtain”.

In section 2, in the proposed subsection (c)(5)(B), strike “in accordance with clause (iii)” and insert “under subparagraph (C)”.

In section 2, in the proposed subsection (c)(9), amend subparagraph (D) entitled “(D) Vehicle Fleet.”; was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Ms. Jackson Lee (#2); In section 2, in the proposed subsection (c) of section 701 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, redesignate paragraph (9) as paragraph (10).

In section 2, in the proposed subsection (c) of such section 701, insert after paragraph (8) a new paragraph entitled “(9) GAO Report.”; was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Mrs. Watson Coleman (#3); Add at the end a new section entitled “Sec. 3. Inspector General Review.”; was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to consider the measure by roster; dispense with the first reading; and adopt the measure as amended, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. McCaul to report the measure to the House with a favorable recommendation, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Without objection, the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections to H.R. 4785.

H.R. 4820, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former or estranged violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House of Representatives with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by voice vote.

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Katko (#1); was AGREED TO without amendment, by a recorded vote of 16 yeas and 5 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 19).

Roll No. 19	
Yeas	Nays
Mr. McCaul	Mr. Thompson of Mississippi
Mr. Perry	Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California
Mr. Clawson	Mr. Richmond
Mr. Katko	Mr. Payne
Mr. Hurd of Texas	Mrs. Watson Coleman
Mr. Carter of Georgia	
Mr. Loudermilk	
Ms. McSally	
Mr. Ratcliffe	
Mr. Donovan	
Ms. Jackson Lee	
Mr. Langevin	
Mr. Higgins	
Mr. Vela	
Miss Rice of New York	
Mrs. Torres	
Total	5
16	

An amendment offered by Mr. Richmond of Louisiana (#1A); In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Violent Extremist Defined.”; was NOT AGREED

TO by a recorded vote of 8 yeas and 12 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 18). The vote was as follows:

Roll No. 18	
Yeas	Nays
Mr. Thompson of Mississippi Ms. Jackson Lee Mr. Higgins Mr. Richmond Mr. Payne Mr. Vela Mrs. Watson Coleman Mrs. Torres	Mr. McCaul Mr. Rogers of Alabama Mr. Perry Mr. Clawson Mr. Katko Mr. Hurd of Texas Mr. Carter of Georgia Mr. Walker Mr. Loudermilk Ms. McSally Mr. Ratcliffe Mr. Donovan Miss Rice of New York
Total	8
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An en bloc amendment offered by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi (#1B); consisting of the following amendments:

An amendment: In section 2(a)(1), insert “and domestic terrorist organization” before “communications”.

An amendment: In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Director of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.”

An amendment: In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Classified Report on Sources of Testimonials.”

An amendment: In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Background Investigation.”

An amendment: In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Oversight.”

An amendment: In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Report on Former or Estranged Violent Extremists.”

An amendment: In section 2, add at the end a new subsection entitled “(c) Definitions.”

An amendment: At the end of the bill, add a new section entitled “Sec. 3. GAO Report.”; was NOT AGREED TO by voice vote.



A motion by Mr. Perry 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. 4482, H.R. 4509, H.R. 4549, H.R. 4698, H.R. 4780, H.R. 4785, and H.R. 4820, or any similar measure, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A motion by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi 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. 4482, H.R. 4509, H.R. 4549, H.R. 4698, H.R. 4780, H.R. 4785, and H.R. 4820, was NOT OBJECTED TO.

