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Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member



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Statement of Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson

Full Committee Markup of H.R. 1887, 4743, 5056

April 28, 2016 (Washington) – Today, Committee on Homeland Security Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) delivered the following prepared remarks for the full committee markup of H.R. 1887, 4743, 5056:

“I am pleased that today the Committee is considering three bipartisan measures.

I am particularly pleased that H.R. 4743, the “National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016”, and H.R. 5056, the “Airport Perimeter Control Security Act of 2016”, are being considered.

To increase the availability of cybersecurity training and technical assistance to State, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions, we will be considering an amendment-in-the-nature-of-a-substitute to H.R. 4743, authored by Representative Richmond.

It builds on the bipartisan measure introduced by the gentleman from Texas, Representative Castro, to not only recognize the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium but also foster the proliferation of more university-based cybersecurity consortium all across the country.

I commend the gentleman from Louisiana for including language in his amendment to promote participation of a diverse range of academic institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority Serving Institutions.

The other measure I would like to acknowledge is H.R. 5056. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill, which was authored by Representative Keating. It gives effect to recommendations to bolster perimeter security at our Nation’s airports that were the product of a report that Mr. Keating, Mr. Richmond, and myself requested back in 2014.

Since joining the Committee, Mr. Keating has been a leader on the issue of airport perimeter security, and I commend him for staying the course on this difficult homeland security challenge.”

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