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Committee on Homeland Security  
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**COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Committee on Homeland Security met, pursuant to notice, in open markup session, a quorum being present, on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider **H.R. 1517**, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service; **H.R. 2611**, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Securing the Cities Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.; **H.R. 3239**, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida Initiative on the border security of the United States, and for other purposes; **H.R. 3837**, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for clarification on the use of funds relating to certain homeland security grants, and for other purposes.; **H.R. 3963**, to provide specialized training to Federal air marshals.; **H.R. 3978**, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept and use gifts for authorized purposes, including first responder terrorism preparedness training, and for other purposes.; **H.R. 3980**, to provide for identifying and eliminating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, and for other purposes; and **H. Res. 28**, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines. The Committee took the following actions:

The Chair, pursuant to Committee Rule XI, discharged H.R. 2611 from the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Thompson to adopt H.R. 1517, with the amendment listed on the roster, H.R. 2611, with the amendment listed on the roster; H.R. 3239, with the amendment listed on the roster; H.R. 3963, without amendment; H.R. 3978, without amendment; H.R. 3980, without amendment; and H.Res. 28, with the amendment listed on the roster; was not objected to.

H.R. 1517, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted the measure, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mr. Thompson (#1); was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2611, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Securing the Cities Initiative of the Department of 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 the measure, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment offered by Mr. Green (#1); Page 2, beginning at line 22, strike “including” and all that follows through page 3, line 2, and insert “including–”. Page 2, after line 22, insert the following: “(1) for each city in which it has been implemented by fiscal year 2009– “(A) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; “(B) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and “(C) not less than \$10,000,000 in sustainment assistance for each fiscal year thereafter; and “(2) for additional Securing the Cities initiatives to be implemented in not fewer than 2 sites participating in the Urban Area Security Initiative, such sums as may be necessary each fiscal year to implement and sustain each additional initiative.”. ; was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3239, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida Initiative on the border security of the United States, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted the measure, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Mrs. Kirkpatrick (#1); was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3837, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for clarification on the use of funds relating to certain homeland security grants, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

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

An Amendment by Mr. Dent to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1a); on Page 1, line 11, insert a new subparagraph below and renumber subparagraphs (A) through (C) as subparagraphs (B) through (D) accordingly: (A) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “, provided that any such training shall not be required to be certified by the Administrator if such training is offered by the Department of Justice.” was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Dent to withdraw his amendment, was not objected to.

H.R. 3963, to provide specialized training to Federal air marshals.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation by voice vote.

The Committee adopted the measure, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3978, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept and use gifts for authorized purposes, including first responder terrorism preparedness training, and for other purposes; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation by voice vote.

The Committee adopted the measure, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3980, to provide for identifying and eliminating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, and for other purposes.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation by voice vote.

The Committee adopted the measure, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

H. Res. 28, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance

security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.; was ordered to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, amended, by voice vote.

The Committee adopted the resolution, as amended, by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute offered by Ms. Jackson-Lee (#1); was AGREED TO by unanimous consent.

Without objection the Chair authorized staff to make technical and conforming corrections.

A motion by Ms. Harman that, pursuant to Rule XXII, clause 1, the Committee authorize the Chairman to offer such motions as may be necessary in the House to go to conference with the Senate on the bill just ordered reported by this Committee or on a similar Senate bill, was agreed to.

A motion by Mr. Souder that, pursuant to Rule XIII clause 2(c), Members may have two days in which to file Minority and additional views on the measures considered today was agreed to.

