DISCLOSURES OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION AND IMPACT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

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DISCLOSURES OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:12 a.m., in room 2118, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Howard P. “Buck” McKeon (chairman of the committee) presiding.

OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. HOWARD P. “BUCK” MCKEON,
A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CALIFORNIA, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The CHAIRMAN. The hearing will come to order. Good morning. The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) meets to receive testimony on disclosures of national security information and impact on military operations. The committee will receive testimony and discuss matters that if disclosed in a public hearing would endanger national security and therefore requires the hearing to be closed to the public.

Clause 2(g)(2) of House Rule XI and Committee Rule 9(a) requires the committee to vote by record vote in open session with a majority present to close the hearing to the public. We have scheduled this vote on the disclosure of national security information hearing today. We will not conduct opening statements for this hearing today. Immediately after the vote to close, we will recess this hearing and proceed with the sequestration hearing. As previously announced, the committee will resume the hearing on disclosure of national security information in closed session for Members only at 10 a.m. on Thursday with a swept hearing room.

Finally, let me remind Members that we will follow the normal before and after gavel attendance list in determining the order for questioning witnesses. This means that when we reconvene this hearing in closed session on Thursday, we will follow the Member order established today at the gavel.

The chair now recognizes the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Thornberry, vice chair of the HASC, for the purpose of a motion.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Rule XI clause 2(g) and Committee Rule 9, I move that the remainder of today’s hearing on the disclosures of national security information and impact on military operations and proceedings up to five additional consecutive days of hearings on this subject shall be closed to the public because disclosure of testimony, evidence, and other matters to be considered would endanger national security.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Thornberry.
So many as are in favor will vote aye.
Those opposed no. House and committee rules require a recorded vote. The clerk will call the roll.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. McKeon?
The CHAIRMAN. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. McKeon votes aye.
Mr. Smith?
Mr. SMITH. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Smith votes aye.
Mr. Bartlett?
Mr. BARTLETT. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Bartlett votes aye.
Mr. Reyes?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Reyes?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Thornberry?
Mr. Thornberry. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Thornberry votes aye.
Ms. Sanchez?
Ms. SANCHEZ. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Ms. Sanchez votes aye.
Mr. Jones?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Jones?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. McIntyre?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Akin?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Brady?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Forbes?
Mr. FORBES. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Forbes votes aye.
Mr. Andrews?
Mr. ANDREWS. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Andrews votes aye.
Mr. Miller?
Mr. MILLER. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Miller votes aye.
Mrs. Davis?
Mrs. DAVIS. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mrs. Davis votes aye.
Mr. Wilson?
Mr. WILSON. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Wilson votes aye.
Mr. Langevin?
Mr. Langevin. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Langevin votes aye.
Mr. LoBiondo?
Mr. LoBiondo. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. LoBiondo votes aye.
Mr. Larsen?
Mr. Larsen. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Larsen votes aye.
Mr. Turner?
[No response.]
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Turner?
[No response.]
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Cooper?
Mr. Cooper. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Cooper votes aye.
Mr. Kline?
Mr. Kline. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Kline votes aye.
Ms. Bordallo?
[No response.]
Ms. Pearce. Ms. Bordallo?
[No response.]
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Rogers?
[No response.]
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Rogers?
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Ms. Pearce. Mr. Courtney?
Mr. Courtney. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Courtney votes aye.
Mr. Franks?
Mr. Franks. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Franks votes aye.
Mr. Loebsack?
Mr. Loebsack. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Loebsack votes aye.
Mr. Shuster?
Mr. Shuster. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Shuster votes aye.
Ms. Tsongas?
Ms. Tsongas. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Ms. Tsongas votes aye.
Mr. Conaway?
Mr. Conaway. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Conaway votes aye.
Ms. Pingree?
Ms. Pingree. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Ms. Pingree votes aye.
Mr. Lamborn?
[No response.]
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Lamborn?
[No response.]
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Kissell?
Mr. Kissell. Aye.
Ms. Pearce. Mr. Kissell votes aye.
Mr. Wittman?
Mr. WITTMAN. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Wittman votes aye.
Mr. Heinrich?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Heinrich?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Hunter?
Mr. HUNTER. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Hunter votes aye.
Mr. Owens?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Owens?
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Ms. PEARCE. Dr. Fleming?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Garamendi?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Coffman?
Mr. COFFMAN. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Coffman votes aye.
Mr. Critz?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Critz?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Rooney?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Rigell?
Mr. RIGELL. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Rigell votes aye.
Ms. Sutton?
Ms. SUTTON. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Ms. Sutton votes aye.
Mr. Gibson?
Mr. GIBSON. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Gibson votes aye.
Ms. Hanabusa?
Ms. HANABUSA. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Ms. Hanabusa votes aye.
Mrs. Hartzler?
Mrs. HARTZLER. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mrs. Hartzler votes aye.
Ms. Hochul?
Ms. HOCHUL. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Ms. Hochul votes aye.
Dr. Heck?
Dr. HECK. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Dr. Heck votes aye.
Ms. Speier?
Ms. SPEIER. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Ms. Speier votes aye.
Mr. Schilling?
Mr. SCHILLING. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Schilling votes aye.
Mr. Barber?
Mr. BARBER. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Barber votes aye.
Mr. Runyan?
Mr. RUNYAN. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Runyan votes aye.
Mr. Scott?
Mr. SCOTT. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Scott votes aye.
Mr. Griffin?
Mr. GRIFFIN. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Griffin votes aye.
Mr. Palazzo?
Mr. PALAZZO. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Palazzo votes aye.
Mr. West?
Mr. WEST. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. West votes aye.
Mrs. Roby?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mrs. Roby?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Brooks?
Mr. BROOKS. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Brooks votes aye.
Mr. Young?
Mr. YOUNG. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Young votes aye.
Mr. Reyes?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Reyes?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Jones?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Johnson?
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Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Johnson?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Johnson?
Mr. JOHNSON. Aye.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Johnson votes aye.
Mrs. Roby?
[No response.]
Ms. PEARCE. Mrs. Roby?
The CHAIRMAN. Is there any Member who hasn't voted? The clerk will report the tally.
Ms. PEARCE. Mr. Chairman, there are 44 ayes.
The CHAIRMAN. A majority of the committee being present, the motion is agreed to. Pursuant to the previously adopted motion, I ask unanimous consent that the chair be authorized to declare a recess.
Without objection, so ordered.
The chair declares this hearing in recess. We will resume this hearing in closed session tomorrow, July 19th, at 10 a.m. in this building, 2118.
We will now move into the sequestration hearing as soon as the witnesses have taken their place at the table. This hearing will now be in recess.
[Whereupon, at 10:22 a.m., the committee was recessed, to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., July 19, 2012, in closed session.]
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committee, subcommittee, or conference committee meeting during that time, the necessary absence of that member shall be so
recorded in the roll call record, upon timely notification to the Chair by that member.