

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF AIRPORT SCREENERS

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Mr. KING of New York, from the Committee on Homeland Security, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 463]

The Committee on Homeland Security, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 463) of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the reapportionment of airport screeners, having considered the same, report unfavorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the resolution not be agreed to.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The purpose of H. Res. 463, is to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to furnish the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, all documents and records in his possession relating to the review of the screener allocation model of the Transportation Security Administration and the subsequent reapportionment of airport screeners employed by the Transportation Security Administration, which was announced on or around July 26, 2005.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

On July 26th, 2005, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced a major reallocation of airport screeners across the country. TSA notified airports of the changes but did not provide supporting documentation to explain its methodology. Several Members of the House of Representatives requested further information, and TSA offered to officially brief Members on the methodology behind the new screener allocations. The offer was not initially accepted by several Members, but TSA has subsequently briefed all Members that voiced concerns.

HEARINGS

No Committee hearings were held on H. Res. 463.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

H. Res. 463 was introduced by Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Holden, Ms. Hooley, Mr. Watt, Mr. Cooper, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Wu, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Ford, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Pastor, and Mr. Terry on September 27, 2005 and referred solely to the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Res. 463 was retained at the Full Committee for consideration.

On October 26, 2005, the Full Committee met in open markup session ordered H. Res. 463 unfavorably reported to the House of Representatives, by voice vote, a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires the Committee to list the record votes on the motion to report legislation and amendments thereto.

No recorded votes were requested on H. Res. 463.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

The Committee has not held any oversight hearings on this measure and makes no oversight findings pursuant to clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of H. Res. 463 is to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the reapportionment of airport screeners.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY, ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TAX EXPENDITURES

In compliance with clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that H. Res. 463, would result in no new or increased budget authority, entitlement authority, or tax expenditures or revenues.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that the Constitutional authority for this legislation is provided in Article I, section 8, clause 1, which grants Congress the power to provide for the common Defense of the United States.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

The Resolution directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to furnish the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of the resolution, all documents and records in his possession relating to the review of the screener allocation model of the Transportation Security Administration and the subsequent reapportionment of airport screeners employed by the Transportation Security Administration, which was announced on or around July 26, 2005.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

No changes are made to existing law as a result of H. Res. 463.