

Union Calendar No. 405

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4820

[Report No. 114–525]

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2016

Mr. FLEISCHMANN (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. VELA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

APRIL 26, 2016

Additional sponsors: Miss RICE of New York, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. LATTA, Mr. ROSS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. FINCHER, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, and Mr. HENSARLING

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 21, 2016]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Combating Terrorist Re-*
5 *cruitment Act of 2016”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DIRECTIVE.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-*
8 *rity shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into De-*
9 *partment of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist*
10 *recruitment and communications the public testimonials of*
11 *former or estranged violent extremists or their associates,*
12 *including friends and family. Such efforts may include the*
13 *following:*

14 *(1) Counter-messaging of foreign terrorist orga-*
15 *nization communications and narratives.*

16 *(2) Related community engagement and public*
17 *education efforts.*

18 *(b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-*
19 *curity shall, where appropriate, coordinate the actions de-*
20 *scribed in subsection (a) with the heads of other Federal*
21 *departments and agencies and, as appropriate, to the extent*
22 *practicable, engage nongovernmental and international*
23 *partners in the identification and use of testimonials de-*
24 *scribed in such subsection.*

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