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National Security Highlights from Capitol Hill

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The Senate stands adjourned until 2 P.M. on Monday, December 9, 2013. After the transaction of any morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of [S. 1197: National Defense Authorization Act](#).

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Public Bills and Resolutions

HOUSE

Representative Howard Coble (R-NC) introduced [H. R. 3626](#): [A bill] to extend the [Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988](#) for 10 years. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Trent Frank (R-AZ) introduced [H. R. 3629](#): Israel Sovereignty and Security Recognition Act. The bill affirms the United States' recognition of Israel's sovereignty, security, and legal right to its lands. It was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Walter Jones Jr. (R-NC) introduced [H. Res. 428](#): Urging the president to release information regarding the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks upon the United States. The resolution was assigned to House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where it awaits consideration.

- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Public Bills and Resolutions

HOUSE

[H. R. 1095: TSA Loose Change Act](#) (originally introduced by **Representative Jeff Miller (R-FL)** on March 12, 2013) passed in the House. The bill amends title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families.

[H. R. 2719: Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act](#) (originally introduced by **Representative Richard Hudson (R-NC)** on July 18, 2013) passed the

House on a 416/0 vote. The bill requires the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs.

[**H. R. 1204: Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2013**](#) (originally introduced by **Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS)** on March 14, 2013) passed the House on a 411/3 vote. The bill amends title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee.

Representative Jim Bridenstine (R-OK) introduced [**H. R. 3639**](#): Provide for the Common Defense Act of 2013. H. R. 3639 eliminates sequestration from security-related functions, which would be offset through reductions in payments under Medicare, agricultural subsidies, federal retirement, and the application of chained CPI. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Agriculture; Energy and Commerce; House Administration; Oversight and Government Reform; Budget; and Ways and Means and awaits consideration.

Representative Steve Israel (D-NY) introduced [**H. R. 3643**](#): Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act of 2013, reauthorizing the Undetectable Fire Arms Act of 1988 for 10 years in addition to closing a loophole in the original Act. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

HOUSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs; Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled *"The United States' Post-Typhoon Response to the Philippines"*

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Public Bills and Resolutions

HOUSE

Representative Walter Jones Jr. (R-NC) introduced [**H. Res. 430**](#): Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should ensure that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is making significant progress in fulfilling its deliverable requirements under the [**Tokyo Conference Agreement**](#) in order to receive United States financial assistance. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

HOUSE

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled *"Oversight of U.S. Policy Toward Burma"*

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled *"Transition at a Crossroads: Tunisia Three Years After the Revolution"*

- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

Public Bills and Resolutions

HOUSE

Representative Steve Scalise (R-LA) submitted [H. Res. 431](#), a resolution calling on the United States Senat to increase sanctions against Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Oversight and government Reform, and Ways and Means.

Committee Hearings

HOUSE

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled *"Their Daughters Appeal to Beijing: 'Let Our Fathers Go!'"*

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