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**National Security Highlights from Capitol Hill**

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**Week of 24 – 28 February 2014**

*\*Due to the low amount of security-related activity last week in Congress, we have combined the last two weeks' newsletters into one.\**

***New Public Laws***

[S. 1901](#), to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016. Signed on February 12, 2014.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

***Joint Meeting***

**TURKMENISTAN'S PRISONS:** Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Thursday, February 20, 2014, Commission received a briefing on those who have disappeared in Turkmenistan's prisons over the past ten years.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

***Public Bills and Resolutions***

**HOUSE**

**Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)** [H. Res. 488](#), a resolution supporting the people of Venezuela as they protest peace-fully for democratic change and calling to end the violence; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

***Committee Hearings***

**SENATE**

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Lebanon at the crossroads.

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** "SITUATION IN THE UKRAINE." Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in the Ukraine from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

***Public Bills and Resolutions***

## SENATE

**Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI)** introduced [S. 2048](#), a bill to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### ***Committee Hearings***

## SENATE

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** “DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO,” Committee concluded a hearing to examine prospects for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Great Lakes Region.

## HOUSE

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Sudan and South Sudan.”

**Committee on Appropriations:** “U.S. ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN COUNTRIES WITH REPRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTS.” Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on oversight of U.S. Assistance to Promote Freedom and Democracy in Countries with Repressive Environments. This was a closed hearing.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

### ***Public Bills and Resolutions***

## SENATE

**Senator Edward Mareky (D-MA)** introduced [S. 2070](#): a bill to reduce the number of nuclear-armed submarines operated by the Navy, to prohibit the development of a new long-range penetrating bomber aircraft, to prohibit the procurement of new intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## HOUSE

**Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)** introduced H.R. 4107: a bill to reduce the number of nuclear-armed submarines operated by the Navy, to prohibit the development of a new long-range penetrating bomber aircraft, to prohibit the procurement of new intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

### ***Committee Hearings***

## SENATE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

## HOUSE

**Committee on Intelligence State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs**, hearing on oversight of U.S. Assistance to Promote Freedom and Democracy in Countries with Repressive Environments.

**Committee on Armed Services**: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled ``Seapower and Projection Forces Capabilities to Support the Asia Pacific Rebalance."

**Committee on Armed Services**: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled ``Seapower and Projection Forces Capabilities to Support the Asia Pacific Rebalance". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Representative Edward Royce (R-CA)** submitted [H. Res. 494](#), a resolution affirming the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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