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New Public Laws

[H.R. 4152](#), to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine. Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113-95)

[S. 2183](#), entitled “United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions.” Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113-96)

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Public Bills and Resolutions

HOUSE

[H.R. 3470](#)—Naval Vessel Transfer and Arms Export Control Amendments Act—was amended to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries. Passed House and referred to Senate for consideration.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) introduced [S. 2218](#): A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of certain territories and regions for designation for participation in the visa waiver program, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) introduced [S. Res. 417](#): A resolution designating October 30, 2014, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Armed Services, hearings to examine Army Active and Reserve force mix in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program Committee on Foreign Relations, hearings to examine the President’s proposed international affairs budget request for FY 2015 for national security and foreign policy priorities

HOUSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United States Agency for International Development FY 2015 Budget.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a closed hearing to examine the United States Africa Command budget.

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Russian Military Developments and Strategic Implications.”

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power oversaw the markup of [H. R. 6: The Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act.](#)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, hearings to examine Ukraine, focusing on confronting internal challenges and external threats, including Russia’s seizure of Crimea
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces (Committee on Armed Services), hearings to examine National Nuclear Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories and the status of the Nuclear Security Enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (Committee on Appropriations), hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for FY 2015 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force

HOUSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “U.S. Foreign Assistance in FY 2015: What Are the Priorities, How Effective?”

Committee on Armed Services, hearing entitled, “National Defense Priorities from Members for the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act”

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) introduced **S. 2238**: A bill to ensure that the United States Government in no way recognizes Russia’s annexation of Crimea. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and awaits consideration.

Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) introduced **S. 2244**: A bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and awaits consideration.

Senator John McCain (R-AZ) introduced **S. 2255**: A bill to remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from treatment as terrorist organizations and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

Senator John Boozman (R-AR) introduced **S. Res. 421**: A resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative Robert Pittenger (R-NC) introduced **H. R. 4448**: To direct the President to suspend assistance to foreign countries that fail to use INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents database for purposes of determining accuracy of passports of prospective passengers on commercial flights. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

Representative Sean Maloney (D-NY) introduced **H. R. 4449**: To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

Representative Michael Honda (D-CA) introduced **H. R. 4460**: To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to repeal the sunset of the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

Representative Michael Capuano (D-MA) introduced **H. R. 4467**: To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide visas for certain advanced STEM graduates, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

Representative Kay Granger (R-TX) introduced **H. R. 4474**: To remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from treatment as terrorist organizations, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

Representative Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH) introduced **H. R. 4483**: To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of certain additional programs for the National Science Foundation competitive grant program for K-12 math, science, engineering, and technology education, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

Representative Michael Turner (R-OH) introduced **H. R. 4485**: To provide for additional enhancements to the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Armed Services and Transportation and Infrastructure, and awaits consideration.

Representative John Garamendi introduced **H. Res. 550**: Honoring the Sikh American community's celebration of Vaisakhi. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for FY 2015 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force

Committee on Armed Services, hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program

Committee on Foreign Relations, hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for FY 2015 for international development priorities; business meeting to consider pending calendar business

Subcommittee on European Affairs (Committee on Foreign Relations), hearings to examine transatlantic security challenges, focusing on Central and Eastern Europe

Committee on Intelligence, held closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters

HOUSE

Subcommittee on Readiness (Committee on Armed Services), held a hearing entitled "Readiness Posture"

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, hearing entitled "Department of Energy, Science, and Technology Priorities"

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