

CAGS WASHINGTON WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

National Security Highlights from Capitol Hill

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wonderful break and a happy new year!*

## Week of 9 – 13 December 2013

### • MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

#### *Public Bills and Resolutions*

#### SENATE

Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) introduced [S. Res. 312](#): A resolution calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

#### HOUSE

Representative Brett Guthrie (R-KY) introduced [H. R. 3674](#): Federal Spectrum Incentive Act of 2013. The bill intends to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization to provide incentives for the reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Armed Services; Energy and Commerce, and awaits consideration.

Representative Fred Upton (R-MI) introduced [H. R. 3677](#): To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Foreign Affairs; and Science, Space, and Technology, and awaits consideration.

#### *Committee Hearings*

**Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere** (Committee on Foreign Affairs), hearing entitled “Improving Security and Facilitating Commerce with Mexico at America’s Southern Border”

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

### *Public Bills and Resolutions*

**Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)** introduced **S. Res. 315**: A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. The simple resolution was agreed to the same day.

**Representative Fred Upton (R-MI)** introduced **H. R. 3683**: To amend [the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007](#) to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs; and Science, Space, and Technology, and awaits consideration.

**Representative Theodore Deutch (D-FL)** introduced **H. Res. 435**: Calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation’s history. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

### *Committee Hearings*

#### *SENATE*

**Committee on Appropriations; Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs**, hearings to examine assistance for Jordan and Lebanon

**Committee on Foreign Relations**, hearings to examine the transition in Afghanistan

#### *HOUSE*

**Committee on Foreign Affairs**, hearing entitled “*The Iran Nuclear Deal: Does It Further U.S. National Security?*”

**Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa**, joint hearing entitled “*Human Rights Abuses in Egypt*”

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

### *Public Bills and Resolutions*

#### *SENATE*

**Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)** introduced **S. 1804**: A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, where it awaits consideration.

**Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)** introduced **S. Res. 317**: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

#### *HOUSE*

**Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX)** introduced **H. R. 3696**: To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protect, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Homeland Security; Oversight and Government Reform; Science, Space, and Technology, and awaits consideration.

**Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)** introduced **H. R. 3707**: To ensure the emergency protection of Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty/Hurriya and to provide for their admission as refugees to the United States. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Judiciary, and awaits consideration.

**Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN)** introduced **H. Res. 439**: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a Global Marshall Plan holds the potential to demonstrate the commitment of the United States to peace and prosperity through poverty reduction in the United States and abroad. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

#### *Committee Hearings*

## SENATE

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe**, hearing to examine resolving crises in East Asia through a new system of collective security, focusing on the Helsinki process as a model

**Committee on the Judiciary**, hearing to examine continued oversight of the United States government surveillance authorities

## HOUSE

**Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces**, hearing entitled, "*U.S. Asia-Pacific Strategic Considerations Related to P.L.A. Naval Forces Modernization*"

**Committee on Foreign Affairs**, hearing entitled: "*Afghanistan 2014: Year of Transition*"

**Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific**, held a markup on [H. Res. 418](#): Urging the government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma; and [H. Res. 281](#): Expressing concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience in the People's Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for other religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups.

## • THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

## *Public Bills and Resolutions*

## HOUSE

**Representative Diane Black (R-TN)** introduced H.R. 3732: to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from using Federal funds for the position of Public Advocate, or the position of Deputy Assistant Director of Custody Programs and Community Outreach, within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Representative Scott Perry (R-PA)** introduced H.R. 3756: to provide for the public disclosure of information regarding surveillance activities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. To the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence.

**Representative Ted Poe (R-TX)** introduced H.R. 3760: to provide for the expedited approval by the Secretary of Energy of liquefied natural gas

exports. To the Committee on Energy, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## ***Committee Hearings***

### ***HOUSE***

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*); Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), joint hearing entitled “*Iran’s Persecution of American Pastor Abedini Worsens*”

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*) and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), hearing entitled “*The Resurgence of al-Qaeda in Iraq*”

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “*Help Wanted at DHS: Implications of Leadership Vacancies on the Mission and Morale*”

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing entitled “Asylum Abuse: Is it Overwhelming our Borders?”

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, closed hearing entitled “*Clandestine Quarterly Update*”

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