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**National Security Highlights from Capitol Hill**

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**Week of 24 – 28 March 2014**

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

***Committee Hearings***

SENATE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

HOUSE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Missile Defense.

**Committee on Foreign Affairs,** markup of [H.R. 4278](#) (Ukraine Support Act), [H. Res. 494](#) (Affirming the Importance of the [Taiwan Relations Act](#)), and [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 in Burma).

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “U.S. Disengagement from Latin America: Compromised Security and Economic Interests.”

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

***Committee Hearings***

SENATE

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine Syria after Geneva, focusing on the next steps for United States policy.

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening public-private partnerships to reduce cyber risks to our nation’s critical infrastructure,

HOUSE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Interim Report of the Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise.

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Geopolitical Potential of the U.S. Energy Boom.”

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “The Shocking Truth about North Korea Tyranny.”

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

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

###### SENATE

**H.R. 4152:** “Support for the Sovereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of Ukraine Act of 2014”, or “Ukraine Loan Guarantees,” was passed by the Senate with changes and sent back to the House. The changes will be considered by the House in the week ahead. **Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)** introduced **S. 2183**: a bill entitled “United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions.” The bill was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed. It has been sent to the House for consideration.

###### HOUSE

**H.R. 4278:** “Ukraine Support Act,”: to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine; originally submitted by Representative Ed Royce (R-CA), passed the House on March 27, 2014.

##### ***Committee Hearings***

###### SENATE

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine powering Africa’s future, focusing on the Power Africa Initiative.

###### HOUSE

**Committee on Homeland Security:** Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a markup on **H.R. 3283** (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2013); **H.R. 4263** (Social Media Working Group Act of 2014); and **H.R. 4289** (Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act). H.R. 3283 and H.R. 4263 were forwarded to the Full Committee, as amended. H.R. 4289 was forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

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

###### HOUSE

**Representative Ed Royce (R-CA)** introduced **H.R. 4347**: to require the Secretary of State to provide an annual report to Congress regarding United States Government efforts to survey and secure the return, protection, and restoration of stolen, confiscated , or otherwise unreturned Christian properties in the Republic of Turkey and in those areas currently occupied by the Turkish military in the northern Cyprus. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.