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MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Public Bills and Resolutions

HOUSE

Representative Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) introduced [H. R. 3855: Intelligence Budget Transparency Act of 2014](#). The bill would require the annual budget submissions of the president to include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence related activities of such element of the Government engaged in such activities. H. R. 3855 was assigned to the House Committee on the Budget, where it awaits consideration.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) introduced [S. 1919](#): A bill to repeal the [Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002](#). The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative Edward Royce (R-CA) introduced [H. R. 3868: Palestinian Peace Promotion and Anti-Incitement Act](#). The bill would amend the [Foreign Assistance Act of 1961](#) to limit assistance to the Palestinian Authority. H. R. 3868 was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA) introduced [H. R. 3875: Telephone Metadata Reform Act](#). The bill would amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to reform the telephone metadata program.

H. R. 3868 was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, received a closed briefing on Department of Defense counterterrorism operations.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, held a business meeting to consider the nominations of John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine conference and travel spending across the Federal Government.

Committee on the Judiciary, held a hearing to examine the report of the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies.

HOUSE

Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee on Seapower; Committee on Foreign Affairs; Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "People's Republic of China Maritime Disputes."

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "TSA Oversight: Examining the Screening Partnership Program".

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, business meeting on Member access to Benghazi investigation transcripts; member access request, and hearing entitled, "Ongoing Intelligence Activities".

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) introduced [S. 1933](#): A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights. The bill was assigned to the Senate Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative John Carney (D-DE) introduced [H. R. 3880](#): To provide for the expiration of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the FISA Amendments act of 2008 on December 31, 2014. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where it awaits consideration.

Representative John Carney (D-DE) introduced [H. R. 3881](#): To amend the Foreign Intelligence Service Act of 1978 to provide for more transparency of the programs carried out under the Act. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where it awaits consideration.

Representative John Carney (D-DE) introduced [H. R. 3882](#): To require the Comptroller General to produce annual reports on programs under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Alan Grayson (D-FL) introduced [H. R. 3883](#): To require the President to implement the recommendations of the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Armed Services; Financial Services; Foreign Affairs; Oversight and Government Reform; and the Judiciary as well as the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. It awaits consideration.

Representative Joseph Crowley (D-NY) introduced [H. R. 3889](#): To place conditions on assistance to the Government of Burma. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Armed Services received a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Support for United States-Republic of Korea Civil Nuclear Cooperation Act, and several nominations to be followed immediately by a hearing to examine implications of the crisis in Ukraine.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, held hearings to examine strategies to counter the drug trade as United States troop drawdown continues, focusing on the future of United States counternarcotic efforts in Afghanistan.

HOUSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled, “South Sudan’s Broken Promise?”

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled, “A False Narrative Endangers the Homeland”.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, markup on [H. R. 3696](#): The National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Timothy Kaine (D-VA) introduced **S. 1939**: A bill to repeal the [War Powers Resolution](#) and to provide for proper war powers consultation. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced **S. 1942**: A bill to ensure that the United States promotes women’s meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the [United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security](#). The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where It awaits consideration.

Senator Patrick Toomey (R-PA) introduced [S. Res. 333](#): A resolution strongly recommending the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) introduced **H. R. 3900**: To amend the [Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010](#) to facilitate access by the Comptroller General of the United States to information in the possession of the intelligence communities.” The bill was assigned to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Representative Richard Nugent (R-FL) introduced H. R. 3920: To amend the [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978](#) to limit the acquisition of certain business records under that act. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Concluded a hearing to examine the situation in South Sudan.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Closed hearings were held regarding intelligence matters; Testimony received from officials of the intelligence community.

HOUSE

Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled, "Future Recruiting Challenges in the Fiscally Constrained Environment".

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats (Committee on Foreign Affairs), hearing entitled, "Water as a Geopolitical Threat".

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Committee Hearings

HOUSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs; Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Lessons Learned from Super Bowl Preparations; Preventing International Human Trafficking at Major Sporting Events."

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