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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL) introduced [S. 1984](#): A bill to enhance penalties for computer crimes, and for other purposes. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator John McCain (R-AZ) introduced [S. Res. 343](#): A resolution establishing a Select Committee of the Senate to make a full and thorough investigation of the unauthorized disclosures of apparently classified information concerning the National Security Agency intelligence-collection programs, operations, and activities, including programs affecting Americans, to make findings based upon the investigation, and to make recommendations based on the investigation and findings. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Armed Services, received a closed briefing on the situation in Afghanistan

Committee on Foreign Relations, hearing to examine negotiations on Iran's nuclear programs; business meeting to consider [S. Res. 333](#), strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq and [S. Res. 270](#), supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio, and various nominations.

Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs;

Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, hearing to examine fraud and abuse in army recruiting contracts.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing to examine privacy in the digital age, focusing on preventing data breaches and combating cybercrime

HOUSE

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing to examine the recommendations to reform FISA authorities

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), hearing entitled "The Importance of Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy"

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Security (*Committee on Homeland Security*), hearing entitled "Future of the Homeland Security Missions of the Coast Guard"

Committee on Armed Services, hearing entitled "State of Al Qaeda, Its Affiliates, and Associated Groups: View from Outside Experts"

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), hearing entitled "Terrorists Groups in Latin America: The Changing Landscape"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Committee Hearings

HOUSE

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled, "National Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013," markup of [H. R. 3696](#), to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Al-Qaeda's Resurgence in Iraq: A Threat to U.S. Interests"

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), hearing entitled, “U.S. Counternarcotics Operations in Afghanistan”

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), hearing entitled “America’s Future in Asia: From Rebalancing to Managing Sovereignty Disputes”

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced [S. Res. 347](#): A resolution providing for completion of the accelerated transition of United States combat and military and security operations to the Government of Afghanistan. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) introduced [S. Res. 348](#): A resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative Patrick Meehan (R-PA) introduced **H. R. 4007**: To recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce and Homeland Security, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee on Armed Services, closed joint hearing to examine counterterrorism policy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.