

## CAGS WASHINGTON WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

National Security Highlights from Capitol Hill.

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### Week of 16 September 2013 – 20 September 2013

- **Monday, 16 September 2013**

*No significant national security-related activity.*

- **Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

**H. R. 2449**, was passed by the House on 17 September 2013. The bill authorizes the President to extend the term of the Agreement for Cooperation between the governments of the United States and Republic of Korea. The bill concerns civil uses of nuclear energy for a period not to exceed 19 March 2016.

**[S.793: Organization of American States Revitalization and Reform Act of 2013](#)**, initially introduced by Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) on April 2013, passed the Senate in July 2013, passed the House with changes on 17 September 2013. The bill expresses the sense of Congress that the Organization of American States (OAS) should be the primary multi-lateral diplomatic entity for regional dispute resolution and promotion of democratic governance. It would require the Secretary of State to develop a multiyear strategy to bolster the OAS and improve its processes for managing both budget and personnel.

**Senator Thomas Carper (D-DE)** introduced **[S. Res. 234: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs](#)**. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Rules and Administration committees. 17 September 2013.

**Representative Yvette Clark (D-NY)** introduced **[H. R. 3107: Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act](#)** on 17 September 2013. The bill would require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, and develop a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce. Referred to the House Homeland Security committee (Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protect, and Security Technologies subcommittee).

- **Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

**[H. R. 761: National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013](#)**, introduced in February 2013, passed the House on 18 September. The bill requires the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical important to United States economic and national security as well as manufacturing competitiveness.

**[H. R. 301: to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia](#)**, was passed by the House on 18 September 2013. The envoy would act as an extension of and work under the auspices of the Department of State to monitor and protect religious minorities from acts of intolerance and incitement. Further, the envoy would prioritize programs and activities in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The bill has been sent to the Senate for further approval.

**Representative Todd Rokita (R-IN)** introduced **[H. Res. 350](#)**. A resolution establishing a select committee to investigate and report on the surveillance operations of the National Security Agency; to the Committee on Rules.

- **Thursday, 19 September 2013**

**Representative Candice Miller (R-MI)** introduced **H.R. 3141**, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a biometric exit data system, and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security.

- **Friday, 20 September 2013**

**Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA)** introduced **H.R. 3159**, a bill to provide for the appointment of a public interest advocate in matters involving a significant legal interpretation or construction of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.