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TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) introduced **S. 2195**: A bill to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has engaged in espionage activities against the United States national security interests, or has engaged in a terrorist activity against the United States. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

HOUSE

The House passed **S. 2183**: **A bill entitled “United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions”** (introduced by Senator Mitch McConnell, R-KY, on March 27, 2014) without amendment on a 399/12 vote. It awaits the President’s signature.

Representative Doug Lamborn (R-CO) introduced **H. R. 4357**: To deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has engaged in espionage activities against the United States, poses a threat to United States national security interests, or has engaged in a terrorist activity against the United States. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Matt Salmon (R-AZ) introduced **H. R. 4362**: To prohibit United States contributions to the United Nations Population Fund. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Anna Eshoo (R-CA) introduced **H. Res. 532**: Calls on the Government of Turkey to allow free expression and Internet freedom. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Committee Hearings

Several Subcommittees from both chambers held hearings related to the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, including the **Committee on Armed Services**: Subcommittee on Sea Power and Projection Forces, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, etc. and well as the **Committee on Appropriations**: Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, Subcommittee on Defense,

HOUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled, “Ensuring the Security, Stability, Resilience, and Freedom of the Global Internet.”

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Crude Truth: Evaluating U.S. Energy Trade Policy.”

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Benghazi Talking Points and Michael J. Morell’s Role in Shaping the Administration’s Narrative.”

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

[**S.Res. 384**](#), introduced by Senator Timothy Kaine (D-VA), was agreed to on April 3, 2014. S.Res. 384 is titled, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and developmental challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

Senator Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) introduced **S. 2209**: A bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

Senator Bob Menéndez (D-NJ) introduced **S. Res. 410**: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The resolution was assigned the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) introduced **S. Res. 411**: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX) introduced **H. R. 4389**: To prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from granting a work authorization to an alien found to have been unlawfully present in the United States. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Ted Yoho (R-FL) introduced [**H. Res. 542**](#): Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that United States foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority should be suspended until Palestinian Authority Government Resolutions relating to providing a monthly salary to anyone imprisoned in Israel’s prisons as a result of participation in the struggle against the Israeli occupation should be repealed. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine evaluating United States policy on Taiwan on the 35th anniversary of the “Taiwan Relations Act”, including S. 579, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Russia.

HOUSE

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies

(*Committee on Homeland Security*), second markup of [H. R. 4007](#): To recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program and Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014.”

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