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National Security Highlights from Capitol Hill.

Week of 9 September 2013 – 13 September 2013

- **MONDAY**

Representative Michael Fitzpatrick (R-PA) introduced [H. R. 3070: NSA Accountability Act](#) on 9 September 2013. The bill would amend section 501 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to reform the regulations allowing access to certain business records for foreign intelligence and international terrorism investigations. H. R. 3070 was referred to the House Judiciary and Permanent Select Intelligence Committees.

Representative Scott Garrett (R-NJ) introduced [H. R. 3065: To repeal the War Powers Resolution](#) on 9 September 2013. The bill would repeal the War Powers Resolution of 1973, a federal law intended to check the president's power to commit the United States to an armed conflict without the consent of Congress. The Resolution requires the President to notify Congress within 48 hours of committing armed forces to military actions. H. R. 3065 was referred to the House Foreign Affairs and House Rules Committees.

Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) introduced [H.J. Res 58: to prohibit the use of funds](#) available to any United States Government department or agency for the use of force in, or directed at, Syria by the United States Armed Forces; referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. 9 September 2013

- **TUESDAY**

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) introduced [S.J. Res. 22: Chemical Weapons Control and Accountability Resolution](#); A joint resolution to promote a diplomatic solution in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. 10 September 2013.

Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and **Representative Stephen Fincher (R-TN)** introduced [H.R. 3074/S. 1489: IRS Abuse Protection Act](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Secretary of the Treasury to notify the taxpayer each time the taxpayer's information is accessed by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Ways and Means. 10 September 2013.

From the Executive

Last Tuesday, September 10, 2013, President Barack Obama addressed the nation on the developing situation in Syria. The President stated peaceful diplomatic solutions were being sought by his administration, while acknowledging the United States' preparedness for military action against the Assad regime. The original transcript of the address can be read [here](#).

- **WEDNESDAY**

Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) introduced [H.R. 3082: Ansar al-Sharia Terrorist Designation Act](#), a bill to require a report on the designation of the Libyan faction of Ansar al-Sharia as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. 11 September 2013.

Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR) introduced [H.J. Res. 60: To amend the War Powers Resolution](#); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. 11 September 2013.

Representative Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) introduced [H.J. Res. 61: To prevent further use of chemical weapons in Syria](#); which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. 11 September 2013.

Senator Bob Menéndez (D-NJ), chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, introduced [S. J. Res. 21: Authorization of the Use of Military Force Against the Government of Syria to Respond to Use of Chemical Weapons](#) on 4 September 2013 during a closed meeting. The joint resolution would authorize the President to use military force against the formal government of Syria, for up to 90 days, in response to its use of chemical weapons last month. The resolution was added to the Senate's floor schedule for the next legislative day on 11 September 2013, but developing diplomatic strategies proposed by Russia have led the Obama Administration to ask the Senate to postpone their vote on S. J. Res. 21 indefinitely.

- **THURSDAY**

No national security-related activity.