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Due to break, we are sending out this week's newsletter a little early. The next newsletter will be sent out during the week of December 2. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

S. Res. 1065: A resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling (originally introduced by **Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)** on 10 June 2013), was agreed to by the Senate.

HOUSE

Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ) introduced [H. R. 3526](#): To permit persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to enter into transaction with certain sanctioned foreign persons that are customary, necessary, and incidental to the donation or provision of goods or services to prevent or alleviate the suffering of civilian populations, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Jim McGovern (D-MA) introduced [H. Res. 418](#): Urging the Government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Foreign Relations, closed briefing on Afghanistan

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, hearing to examine Silk Road, focusing on potential risks, threats, and promises of virtual currencies

- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced [S. Res. 300](#): A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. The resolution was agreed to on the same day.

Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) offered **S. Amdt. 2555** to [S. 1197](#) (Natio: To propose alternative requirements and limitations applicable to individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The amendment was rejected by a 43-55 vote (S. Vote #237).

HOUSE

Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) introduced [H. R. 3530](#): A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Chris Van Hollen, Jr. (D-MD) introduced [H. Res. 422](#): [A resolution] recognizing the campaign of genocide against the Kurdish people in Iraq. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Meetings

HOUSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs; Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Crisis in the Central African Republic”

- **Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa**, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward the Arabian Peninsula: Yemen and Bahrain”

Committee on Foreign Affairs; Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a markup on [H. Res. 188](#), calling upon the Government of Turkey to facilitate the reopening of the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s Theological School of Halki without condition or further delay. The resolution was passed, without amendment.

Committee on Homeland Security; Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “What Does a Secure Maritime Border Look Like?”

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) introduced **S. 1744**: A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes. The bill was

assigned to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) introduced **S. 1745**: A bill to promote security, stability and good governance in Somalia through a coordinated interagency strategy that supports the consolidation of recent security and political gains in Somalia. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) introduced **S. 1749**: A bill to improve master plans for major military installations. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Armed Services, where it awaits consideration.

S. 1197: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (originally introduced by **Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)** on 20 June 2013) was considered by the Senate as a whole. The bill is to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for the defense activities of the Department of Energy.

HOUSE

Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ) introduced **H. R. 3557**: To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide increased protections for consumer or subscriber password information, and to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide that the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation may not access password information pursuant to an order under section 501 of that Act, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Tom Graves (R-GA) introduced **H. R. 3558**: [A bill] to provide the Department of Homeland Security, U. S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of the Treasury with authority to more aggressively enforce customs and trade laws relating to textile and apparel articles, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Ways and Means, where it awaits consideration.

Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA) introduced **H. R. 3561**: [A bill] to prohibit Department of State approval for the Russian space agency to build or operate a ground monitoring station in the United States unless such station does not raise counterintelligence or other national security concerns. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, a business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security

- **Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce**, hearing to examine the national security workforce

HOUSE

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the 2013 Report to Congress of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission

- **Subcommittee on Military Personnel**, hearing entitled “Military Resale Programs Overview”

Committee on Foreign Affairs, mark-up on: [H. Res. 147](#), calling for the release of United States citizen Saeed Abedini and condemning the Government of Iran for its persecution of religious minorities; [H. Res. 402](#), supporting the European aspirations of the peoples of the European Union’s Eastern Partnership countries; [H. Res. 404](#), expressing condolences and supported for assistance to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan which made landfall in the Republic of the Philippines on November 8, 2013; [H. R. 1992](#), the “Israel Qualitative Military Edge Enhancement Act”; [H. R. 3470](#), the “Naval Vessel Transfer and Arms Transfer and Arms Export Control Amendments Act of 2013”; and [H. R. 3509](#), the “Assessing Progress in Haiti Act of 2013”

- **Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade**, hearing entitled “Terrorist Groups in Syria”
- **Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific**, hearing entitled “Bangladesh in Turmoil: A Nation on the Brink?”

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Abuse of Overtime at DHS: Padding Paychecks and Pension at Taxpayer Expense”

- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Public Bills and Resolutions

HOUSE

Representative Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) introduced **H.R. 3571**: to prevent international violence against women; referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) introduced **H.R. 3575**: to establish conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may commence U.S. Customs and Border Protection security screening operations at a preclearance facility outside the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) introduced **H.R. 3583**: to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program.

Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ) introduced **H.R. 3585**: a bill to direct the President to submit to Congress a report on fugitives currently residing in other countries whose extradition is sought by the United States and related matters; referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Representative Al Green (D-TX) introduced **H.R. 3602**: to designate the Philippines under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of the Philippines to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA) introduced **H.R. 3603**: to limit the construction on United States soil of satellite positioning ground monitoring stations of foreign

governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in addition to the Committees on Armed Services and Intelligence.

Representative Scott Perry (R-PA) introduced **H.R. 3611**: to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress an annual report on immigration policy directives issued by the Department of Homeland Security, to ensure that each such policy directive is subject to the rule making process described in section 553 of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Meetings

SENATE

Committee on Foreign Relations; Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, hearings to examine the political, economic, and security situation in North Africa

- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

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