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MONDAY, APRIL 28

Public Bills and Resolutions

SENATE

HOUSE

Representative Randy Forbes (R-VA) introduced [H. R. 4495](#): **Asia-Pacific Region Priority Act**, which is intended to strengthen the United States commitment to the security and stability of the Asia-Pacific region. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Armed Services, and awaits consideration.

Representative James Himes (D-CT) introduced [H. R. 4499](#): **Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Enhancement Act**, which requires reports submitted to Congress under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to also be submitted to the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on the Judiciary and Permanent Select Intelligence, and awaits consideration.

Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA) introduced [H. R. 4500](#): **To improve the management of cyber of information technology ranges and facilities of the Department of Defense**. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Armed Services, and awaits consideration.

Representative Niki Tsongas (D-MA) introduced [H. R. 4505](#): **DOD Cloud Security Act**, which directs the Comptroller General of the United States and the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense to assess the cloud security requirements of the Department of Defense. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Armed Services and Oversight and Government Reform, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities (Committee on Armed Services), with the **Select Committee on Intelligence**, held a joint closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters.

HOUSE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

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SENATE

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) introduced **S. 2265: A bill to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority**. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative Steve Stockman (R-TX) introduced **[H. R. 4519](#): Prohibiting Discrimination Against Israel Act**. The Act prohibits the United States from funding projects that discriminate against Israeli organizations that operate beyond the 1949 armistice lines. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

Representative Steve Stockman (R-TX) introduced **[H. R. 4520](#): Aircraft Positioning Modernization Act**. The Act requires passenger aircraft to transmit GPS location data. It was assigned to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

HOUSE

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade and **Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats** (Committee on Foreign Affairs) held a joint hearing entitled "U.S.-Russia Nuclear Arms Negotiations, Ukraine and Beyond."

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations (Committee on Foreign Affairs) held a joint hearing entitled "Effective Accountability: Tier Rankings in the Fight Against Human Trafficking."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

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SENATE

HOUSE

Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX) introduced **[H. R. 4530](#): To require the Secretary of State to offer rewards up to \$5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya, that began on September 11, 2012**. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

Representative Jim Cooper (D-TN) introduced **[H. R. 4533](#): NSA Internal Watchdog Act**. The bill amends the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide for the Inspector General of the National Security Agency to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. It was assigned to the House Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, and Permanent Select Intelligence, and awaits consideration.

Representative James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-WI) introduced [H. R. 4538: United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs Act of 2014](#). The bill amends the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs. It was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Central Asian Affairs (Committee on Foreign Relations) held a hearing to examine Afghanistan beyond 2014.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs held hearings to examine lessons learned from the Boston marathon bombings, focusing on improving intelligence and information.

HOUSE

THURSDAY, MAY 1

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SENATE

Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) introduced **S. 2277: A bill to prevent further Russian aggression toward Ukraine and other sovereign states in Europe and Eurasia**. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and awaits consideration.

Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) introduced **S. 2283: A bill to encourage enhanced security cooperation with European allies and continued enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization**. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and awaits consideration.

Senator John Walsh (D-MT) introduced **S. 2286: A bill to provide for greater oversight of Department of Defense service contracts**. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Armed Services, and awaits consideration.

Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) introduced **S. Res. 433: A resolution condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeastern province of Borno in the Federal Republic of Nigeria**. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and awaits consideration.

HOUSE

Representative Joseph Pitts (R-PA) introduced [H. Res. 562: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for Moldova's territorial integrity](#). The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

Committee Hearings

SENATE

Committee on Armed Services received a closed briefing on the Ukrainian crisis and Russia.

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FRIDAY, MAY 2

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