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**National Security Highlights from Capitol Hill**

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**Week of 10 – 14 March 2014**

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

***Public Bills and Resolutions***

HOUSE

**Representative Kay Granger (R-TX12)** introduced [H. R. 4143](#): To realign structures and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

***Committee Hearings***

SENATE

**Committee on Foreign Relations**, hearing entitled, “**United States Alliances in Northeast Asia**”

HOUSE

**Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa** (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*);

**Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade** (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), held a joint hearing entitled “**Iran’s Support for Terrorism Worldwide**”

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### **SENATE**

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### **HOUSE**

**Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations (Committee on Foreign Affairs)**, and the **Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats (Committee on Foreign Affairs)**, joint hearing entitled “**The Northern Ireland Peace Process Today: Attempting to Deal with the Past**”

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

### **SENATE**

**Senator Robert “Bob” Menéndez (D-NJ)** introduced [S. J. Res. 33](#): A joint resolution relation to the approval of the proposed Third Amendment to the Agreement for Co-operation Between the United States of American and the International Atomic Energy Agency. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

**Senator Daniel Coats (R-IN)** introduced [S. Res. 370](#): A resolution supporting the territorial integrity of Ukraine and condemning Russian military aggression in the Ukraine. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

**Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS)** introduced [S. Res. 373](#): A resolution recognizing the importance of biosecurity and agro-defense in the United States. The simple resolution was agreed to on March 5, 2014.

**Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)** introduced [S. Res. 375](#): A resolution concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict. The resolution was assigned to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where it awaits consideration.

### **HOUSE**

**Representative Ted Poe (R-TX2)** introduced [H. R. 4154](#): [A bill] to deny visas and entry to the United States to officials and employees of the Government of the Russian Federation due to the Russian military intervention in Ukraine. The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

**Representative Ted Poe (R-TX2)** introduced [H. R. 4155: Fight Russian Energy Exploitation \(FREE\) Act](#). The Act would authorize natural gas exports to certain foreign countries. The bill was assigned to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce and Foreign Affairs, and awaits consideration.

**Representative Edward “Ed” Royce (R-CA39)** introduced [H. J. Res. 112](#): Providing for the approval of the Congress of the proposed Third Amendment to the Agreement for Co-operation Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency that was transmitted to Congress on January 29, 2014. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

**Representative Edward “Ed” Royce (R-CA39)** introduced [H. Res. 499](#): Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation. The resolution was assigned to the House Committees on Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, and it awaits consideration.

### ***Committee Hearings***

HOUSE

**Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade** (*Committee on Energy and Commerce*), meeting entitled **“Protecting Consumer Information: Can Data Breaches Be Prevented?”**

**Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade** (*Committee on Foreign Affairs*), meeting entitled **“Threats to Israel: Terrorist Funding and Trade Boycotts”**

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

### ***Public Bills and Resolutions***

SENATE

**Senator John Walsh (D-MT)** introduced **S. 2093**: A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify the purposes of authorized collection of business records and to prohibit the bulk collection of metadata, to require judicial review of national security letters, and for other purposes. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where it awaits consideration.

HOUSE

**Representative Charles “Charlie” Rangel (D-NY13)** introduced [H. Co. Res. 91](#): Encouraging reunions of divided Korean American families. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

**Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL27)** introduced [H. Res. 505](#): [A resolution] strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq. The resolution was assigned to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it awaits consideration.

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