

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SURVEY OF ACTIVITIES
FEBRUARY 16 – FEBRUARY 20, 2015

*** MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND MARKUPS ***

None.

*** LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ***

Asterisked () Bills Introduced by a Committee Member*

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

[H.RES.104](#) – “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should provide Congress with a detailed deployment and troop commitment plan prior to approval for authorization to commit United States Armed Forces to fight the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.” Sponsored by Rep Stevan Pearce

[H.RES.105](#) – “Calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide.” Sponsored by Rep. Jim Bridenstine

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

[H.R.907](#) – “To improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.” Sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

[H.R.955](#) – “To authorize assistance and sustainment to the military and national security forces of Ukraine.” Sponsored by Rep. Adam Smith

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

[H.R.967](#) – “To prohibit the President from entering into a free trade agreement or investment treaty with a foreign country or countries if the agreement or treaty includes investor-state dispute settlement provisions.” Sponsored by Rep. Mark Pocan

[H.RES.110](#) – “Recognizing the self determination of Gibraltar to determine its status as a British Overseas Territory.” Sponsored by Rep. George Holding

[H.RES.111](#) – “Calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs.” Sponsored by Rep. Robert Pittenger

[H.J.RES.33](#) – “To authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.” Sponsored by Rep. Adam Kinzinger

***** EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS *****

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PM #9 — Authorization of the Use of Military Force with Respect to ISIL (H.Doc. 114-9). February 11, 2015. Notification of a draft Authorization for the Use of Military Force against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

EC #422 — Transmittal No. 14-55, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter or Offer and Acceptance to the Netherlands, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended. February 11, 2015. Department of Defense Security Cooperation Agency transmitting communication.

EC #423 — The Department's final rule- Revisions to the Unverified List (UVL) [Docket No.: 141104925-4925-01] (RIN: 0694-AG35) received February 5, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a)(1)(A). February 11, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting communication.

EC #424 — The department's final rule- U.S.-India Bilateral Understanding: Additional revisions to the U.S. export and reexport controls under the export administration regulations [Docket No.: 130405339-3339-01] (RIN: 0694-AF72) received January 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A). February 11, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting communication.

EC #425 — The Department's final rule- Russian Sanctions: Licensing Policy for the Crimea Region of Ukraine [Docket No.: 141218999-4999-01] (RIN:0694-AG43) received February 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A). February 11, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting communication.

EC #426 — Transmittal No. DDTC 13-114, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act. February 11, 2015. Department of State transmitting communication.

EC #453 — As required by section 401 (c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641 (c), and section 204 (c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703 (c), and pursuant to the Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003. February 13, 2015. Department of Treasury transmitting communication.

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Management Decision on the GAO Report regarding Nuclear Commerce, GAO-15-124.

January 27, 2015. Department of Energy transmitting report pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 720.

Summary of Licenses Approved for Export or reexport to Iraq of items on the Commerce**Control List.** February 6, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting report pursuant to Section 1503 of the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2003.**Amendment to the Charter for the Commerce Data Advisory Council (CDAC).** February 09,

2015. Department of Commerce transmitting report pursuant to provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Found Four Syrian Aliens Inadmissible and Ineligible to Receive Visas. February 10, 2015.

Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section (a)(3)(C)(iv) of the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 212.

Charter for the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation RE:**publication of the Foreign Relations of the U.S.** February 12, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 9(c)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.**FY 2006 Foreign Military Financing Cumulative Quarterly Report – June 30, 2014.**

February 12, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 7010 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2014 (Div. K, P.L. 113-76).

BBG's operating plan through September 30, 2015. February 13, 2015. Broadcasting Board of

Governors (BBG) transmitting report pursuant to Sections 7015, 7019 and the "International Broadcasting Operations" heading of that Act.

Export of High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles to the Government of Iraq.

February 17, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act.

SEC Annual-Quarterly Report. February 18, 2014. Securities and Exchange Commission

transmitting report pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012.

Certification that Appropriate Steps have been Taken to Ensure Security for the**Construction Project at the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca, Morocco.** February 18, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 160(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act.**Congressional Certification for the United States Embassy, Vilnius, Lithuania.** February 19,

2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 160(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act.

Recommendations for the GAO Report Immigration Benefits: Improvements Needed to**Fully Implement the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act (GAO-15-3).** February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to U.S.C. Chapter 7 Title 31.

Recommendations for the GAO Report Federal Subcontracting: Further Actions Needed to Improve Oversight of Pass-Through contracts (GAO-15-200), February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to U.S.C. Chapter 7 Title 31.

***** GAO REPORTS *****

GAO-15-300: AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT: Eligibility Process and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa. February 12, 2015.

GAO-15-250: CONTINGENCY CONTRATING: Contractor Personnel Tracking System Needs Better Plans and Guidance. February 18, 2015.

***** CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS *****

International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement (INLCE), Economic Support Funds (ESF), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), Economic Support Funds- Overseas Contingency Operations (ESF-OCO), Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), Africa Regional Economic Support Funds (ESF), Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR), Foreign Military Financing (FMF), Countering Terrorism (CT), Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA), Partnership for Regional East Africa Counterterrorism (PREACT), Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP), Democracy Fund (DF) Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Funding (PCCF) International Military Education and Training (IMET), Development Credit Authority (DCA), Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid (OHDACA)

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\$128,062,000 FY 2014 obligated to OHDACA for transportation missions for the purposes of providing humanitarian assistance and funded excess property shipments for humanitarian relief purposes. February 11, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Notification of approval to obligate an additional \$8,000,000 for logistic supplies and services to Ugandan forces participating in counter-LRA operations. February 12, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$225,000 to the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows (BFTF) Summer Institute at Wake Forest University. February 13, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$223,504 to the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows (BFTF) Summer Institute at Purdue University. February 13, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$306,000 to the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) supported through the Traditional Public-Private Partnerships (TPPP). February 13, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$340,511 to the Institute for Representative Government (IRG) supported through the Traditional Public-Private Partnerships (TPPP). February 13, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

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ECA Grant Notification: \$367,110 to Partners of the Americas (Partners) organization supported through the Traditional Public-Private Partnerships (TPPP). February 13, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

Transmittal No 15-09: Concerning the Department of the Army's proposed letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Slovakia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$450,000,000. February 18, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Notification of a proposed grant transfer of \$610,569 from EDA program for thirty excess Hawk Launchers to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. February 19, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 05-15: A proposed lease between the U.S. Department of the Army and the Government providing eight UH-60A Blackhawk Helicopters to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. February 19, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

CN #15-25 — \$45,500,000 FY 2012, 2013, and 2014 obligated for the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund. February 12, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-26 — \$186,310,556 FY 2010 and FY 2011 FMF intended to change the program content to support additional activities for Pakistan. February 18, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-27 — \$2,547,000 FY 2015 IMET obligated to support IMET programs for Bahrain, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Serbia, and Sri Lanka. February 18, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-28 — \$14,000,000 FY 2014 INCLE obligated to Central American Regional Security Initiative that benefits Honduras to support programs that support broad, sustainable development objectives. February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-29 — \$8,868,000 FY 2014 INCLE obligated to Central American Regional Security Initiative that benefits Guatemala to support programs that support broad, sustainable development objectives. February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-30 — \$2,793,481 FY 2014 ESF obligated to resolve and mitigate conflict and promote reconciliation and democratization in Sudan. February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-31 — \$870,636,323 FY 2014 GHP-State obligated to support PEPFAR countries as well as technical leadership and to support HIV/AIDS activities. February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-32 — \$450,000 FY 2014 ESF obligated to Special Representative for Global Partnerships to support programs as part of GP public-private partnership in the areas of STEM, education, and entrepreneurship. February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification. Baring

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***** MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND MARKUPS *****

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

10:00 A.M. **Hearing: “Advancing U.S. Interests in a Troubled World: The FY 2016 Foreign Affairs Budget”**
Full Committee, Chairman Edward R. Royce

WITNESSES:

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

10:00 A.M. **Hearing: “Across the Other Pond: U.S. Opportunities and Challenges in the Asia Pacific”**
Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Chairman Matt Salmon

WITNESSES:

Van Jackson, Ph.D.
Visiting Fellow
Center for a New American Security

Mr. Matthew P. Goodman
William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy
Senior Adviser for Asian Economics
Center for Strategic and International Studies

Mr. Abraham M. Denmark
Senior Vice President
Political and Security Affairs and External Relations
The National Bureau of Asian Research

The Honorable Patrick Mulloy
Trade Lawyer
(Former Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security
Commission)

10:00 A.M. **Hearing: “The President’s New Cuba Policy and U.S. National Security”**

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Chairman Jeff Duncan

WITNESSES:

Mr. Chris Simmons
Editor
Cuba Confidential

Mr. Fernando Menéndez
Senior Fellow
Center for a Secure Free Society

José Azel, Ph.D.
Senior Research Associate
Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies
University of Miami

The Honorable Dennis K. Hays
Director
The Emergence Group

2:00 P.M. **Joint Hearing: “The Shame of Iranian Human Rights”**

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, Chairman Christopher H. Smith
Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, Chairman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

WITNESSES:

Mr. Shayan Arya
Central Committee Member
Constitutionalist Party of Iran (Liberal Democrat)

Mr. Mohsen Sazegara
President
Research Institute on Contemporary Iran

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

9:30 A.M. **Markup of: Various Measures**
Full Committee, Chairman Edward R. Royce

***** LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ******Asterisked (*) Bills Introduced by a Committee Member***FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

H.R.1034 – “To provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations.” Sponsored Rep. Mo Brooks

H.R.1039 – “To provide for the establishment of a global affairs strategy and assistance for people of African descent, and for other purposes.” Sponsored by Rep. Alcee L. Hastings

H.RES.120 – “Supporting the goals and ideals of the designation of January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2024, as the "International Decade for People of African Descent".” Sponsored by Rep. Henry "Hank" Johnson Jr.

H.RES.122 – “Providing assistance to Ukraine for fulfillment of the economic, social, and government reform requirements necessary for membership eligibility to the European Union, in keeping with the will of a majority of the people of Ukraine and their Government.” Sponsored by Rep. Michael G. Fitzpatrick

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H.RES.126 – “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to promote Israeli-Palestinian peace.” Sponsored by Rep. Barbara Lee.

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

H.R.1103 – “To create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.” Sponsored by Rep. Christopher H. Smith

H.R.1112 – “To promote access for United States officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.” Sponsored by Rep. James P. McGovern

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EC #494 — Transmittal No. 14-61, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance to Australia, Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended. February 20, 2015. Defense Security Cooperation Agency transmitting communication.

EC #497 — The Department’s report entitled “Human Rights Report for International Military Education and Training Recipients for Calendar Year 2013”, in accordance with Section 549 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

EC #498 — As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the international Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014. February 20, 2015. Department of Treasury transmitting communication.

PM #11 — Notification that the national emergency with respect to Libya (H.Doc.114-11), that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2015. February 24, 2015. Pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d).

EC #527 — The Department's final rule – Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Clarification on Uses of Electronic Export Information [Docket No.: 140626542-4999-02] (RIN: 0607-AA52) received February 18, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A). February 24, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting communication.

EC #529 — As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995. February 24, 2015. Department of Treasury transmitting communication.

EC #528 — A report concerning international agreements other than treaties, entered into by the United States, to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b. February 24, 2015. Department of State transmitting communication.

EC #548 — The Department's final rule – Sudanese Sanctions Regulations received February 23, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A). February 25, 2015. Department of Treasury transmitting communication.

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Audit of financial statements of the International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. and Mexico. February 13, 2015. Office of Inspector General transmitting report. (AUD-FM-15-12)

Licenses to Export Satellites and Related Items. February 11, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting report pursuant to Section 1262(a) of the NDAA FY 2013, Public Law 112-239.

Amendment to the EAR to Add Eleven Persons to the Entity List. February 12, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting report pursuant to Section 15(c) of the Export Administration Act.

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Audit of Financial Statements of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). February 19, 2015. Office of Inspector General transmitting report. (AUD-FM-15-09)

Review of the Management Assertions in the U.S. Department of State Accounting and Authentication of FY 2014 Drug Control Funds and Related Performance Report. February 19, 2015. Office of Inspector General transmitting report. (AUD-FM-15-21)

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. February 19, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 202(c) of the U.S. Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003.

Ten EU Countries Have Reduced to Zero its Volume of Crude Oil Purchases from Iran. February 23, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 1245(d)(4)(D) of the NDAA FY 2012.

Report to Congress on the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC). February 23, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill 2015.

Post-Earthquake U.S. Government Haiti Three Year Extension Strategy to Support Reconstruction and Development. February 23, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 6 of the Assessing Progress in Haiti Act of 2014, P.L. 113-162.

Report Detailing U.S. Civilian Assistance Provided to Pakistan from January Through June 2014. February 24, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act.

Waiver Regarding Provision of Assistance to Appropriately Vetted Elements of the Syrian Opposition. February 24, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting report pursuant to Section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2015.

Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress. February 24, 2015. Pursuant to Sections 1342 and 1343 of the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Act.

SBU: South Sudan. February 24, 2015. Department of State Transmitting Report.

SEC Annual-Quarterly Report. February 24, 2014. Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting report pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012.

Management Assistance Report – Department Financial Systems are Insufficient to Track and Report on Foreign Assistance Funds. February 26, 2015. Office of Inspector General transmitting report. (ISP-I-15-14)

Annual Report of the Foreign Service Grievance Board for the Year 2014. March 2, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 1105 of the Foreign Services Act of 1980.

***** GAO REPORTS *****

GAO-15-393R: AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT: Lessons Learned from Other Countries' Trade Arrangements with Sub-Saharan Africa. February 25, 2015.

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International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement (INLCE), Economic Support Funds (ESF), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), Economic Support Funds- Overseas Contingency Operations (ESF-OCO), Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), Africa Regional Economic Support Funds (ESF), Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR), Foreign Military Financing (FMF), Countering Terrorism (CT), Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA), Partnership for Regional East Africa Counterterrorism (PRACT), Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP), Democracy Fund (DF) Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Funding (PCCF) International Military Education and Training (IMET), Development Credit Authority (DCA), Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid (OHDACA)

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ECA Grant Notification: \$979,014 to the International Center for Middle Eastern-Western Dialogue Trust Fund to support operations in Istanbul, Turkey. February 20, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

Certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles such as associated spares, support equipment, and aircrew and maintenance training for the Armed Forces of Canada in the amount of \$1000,000,000 or more. February 27, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-33 — \$260,000 FY 2014 NADR funds obligated to the Counterterrorism Engagement program to support the INTERPOL Foreign Terrorist Fighter (FTF) Project in Lyon, France. February 24, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-34 — \$5,000,000 FY 2015 PKO OCO funds obligated to support a Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of the Cessation of Hostilities in South Sudan. February 24, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #61 — \$132,908,000 FY 2014 DA GHP funds obligated to development and democratic governance in Ghana.

CN #62 — \$7,650,000 DCA FY 2015 DA ESF DCA carryover funds obligated to Development Credit Authority credit guarantee projects to support developmentally significant and productive sectors. February 25, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting notification.

CN #63 — \$2,000,000 FY 2014 DA funds obligated in the area of Civil Society in Ethiopia. February 25, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting notification.