

WESTERN BALKANS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine developments in the Western Balkans and policy responses, focusing on policy approaches of the United States toward the countries of the Western Balkans, including H. Con. Res. 61, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999, after receiving testimony from Hoyt Yee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Tanja Fajon, Member, European Parliament, Ljubljana, Slovenia; and Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 6, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider revised subcommittee organization for the 113th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) reauthorization, focusing on the Federal role and current challenges to public transportation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine enhancing our rail safety, focusing on current challenges for passenger and freight rail, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine preventing potential chemical threats and improving safety, focusing on oversight of the President's executive order on improving chemical facility safety and security, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Syria spillover, focusing on the growing threat of terrorism and sectarianism in the Middle East and Ukraine update, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah L. Birx, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Gov-

ernment Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, Suzan G. LeVine, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Maureen Elizabeth Cormack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Peter A. Selfridge, of Minnesota, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine contractor performance information, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and the nominations of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Bruce Howe Hendricks, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Mark G. Mastroianni, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on House Officers FY 2015 Budget, 9:30 a.m., HT-2, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense", 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "Benefits of and Challenges to Energy Access in the 21st Century: Fuel Supply and Infrastructure", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Ukraine"; and H. Res. 499, Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 414, to provide for the continued lease or eventual conveyance of certain Federal land within the boundaries of Fort Wainwright Military Reservation in Fairbanks, Alaska; H.R. 1839, the "Heramosa Creek Watershed Protection Act of 2013"; H.R. 2430, the "Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013"; and H.R. 3606, the "Emigrant Wilderness Historical Use Preservation Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Can Technology Protect Americans from International Cybercriminals?”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “ObamaCare and the Self-Employed: What About Us?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on President Obama’s budget proposals for fiscal year 2015, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on access to transcripts; member ac-

cess request; and ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Veterans (AMVETS), Blinded Veterans Association, Jewish War Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, National Guard Association of the United States, The Retired Enlisted Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.