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Below is Bills section is information the National Debt & Budget Mess(US Gov Shutdown) and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. (NDAA 2014)

*****Debt limit has been reached again. ******

Bills section :

- 1. H.R.2589 Latest Title:** Freedom of Travel Act of 2013 limits the power of the TSA
Sponsor: [Rep Garrett, Scott](#) [NJ-5] (introduced 6/28/2013) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 7/19/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security.
- 2. A. (Syria) [S.J.RES.21](#) :** Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Government of Syria to Respond to Use of Chemical Weapons
Sponsor: [Sen Menendez, Robert](#) [NJ] (introduced 9/6/2013)
Cosponsors (None) **Committees:** Senate Foreign Relations **Latest Major Action:** 9/10/2013 Senate floor actions. Status: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate.
B. (Syria) [H.R.2432](#) : To prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds made available to any Federal department or agency for any fiscal year to provide military assistance to any of the armed combatants in Syria absent express prior statutory authorization from Congress.
Sponsor: [Rep Nolan, Richard M.](#) [MN-8] (introduced 6/19/2013)
Cosponsors (None) **Committees:** House Foreign Affairs **Latest Major Action:** 6/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
C. (Syria) [H.R.2507](#) : War Powers Protection Act of 2013 **Sponsor:** [Rep Massie, Thomas](#) [KY-4] (introduced 6/26/2013) **Cosponsors** (13)
Committees: House Foreign Affairs; House Armed Services; House

Intelligence (Permanent Select) **Latest Major Action:** 6/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

D. (Syria) No # yet Udall is sponsoring the bill with a fellow Democrat, Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, and Republican Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Mike Lee of Utah. Introduced a bill Thursday 9/12/13 to prohibit President Obama from spending any money to escalate U.S. involvement in the Syrian civil war. In a statement, Udall said the bill would prohibit the Department of Defense, CIA and other agencies from funding military, paramilitary or covert operations in Syria.

3. **(Limit Marriage to union of a man and a woman) [H.J.RES.51](#) Latest Title:** Proposing an **amendment to the Constitution** of the United States relating to marriage. **Sponsor:** [Rep Huelskamp, Tim](#) [KS-1] (introduced 6/28/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (30)

Latest Major Action: 6/28/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

4. [H.R.2104](#) **(SSN)** Protecting the Privacy of Social Security Numbers Act of 2013 Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit the display, sale, or purchase of Social Security numbers without the affirmatively expressed consent of the individual, except in specified circumstances. Prohibits a commercial entity from requiring an individual to provide a Social Security number when purchasing a commercial good or service or denying an individual the good or service for refusing to provide that number, with exceptions. Establishes civil and criminal penalties.

Sponsor: [Rep Frelinghuysen, Rodney P.](#) [NJ-11] (introduced 5/22/2013)

Cosponsors (None) **Committees:** House Judiciary; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 6/14/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

5. **(No Armed Drones in US) [H.R.1083](#) Latest Title:** NADA Act of 2013 **Sponsor:** [Rep Burgess, Michael C.](#) [TX-26] (introduced 3/12/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee.

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. No Armed Drones Act of 2013 or NADA Act of 2013 - Amends the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) from authorizing any person to operate an unmanned aircraft system (drone) in the national airspace system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against a person or property.

6. **A. (Pro-life) [H.R.217](#), [S.135](#)** : Defund Planned Parenthood Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act
Sponsor: [Rep Black, Diane](#) [TN-6] (introduced 1/4/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (165)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce
Latest Major Action: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- B. (Pro-life) [S.32](#)** : A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.
Sponsor: [Sen Portman, Rob](#) [OH] (introduced 1/22/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (5)
Committees: Senate Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- C. (Pro-life) [S.154](#)** : A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that the coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in Exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban.
Sponsor: [Sen Coburn, Tom](#) [OK] (introduced 1/24/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (10)
Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Latest Major Action: 1/24/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
7. **A. [S.744](#) (Immigration- Border control) Latest Title:** Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and **Immigration** Modernization Act
Sponsor: [Sen Schumer, Charles E.](#) [NY] (introduced 4/16/2013)
[Cosponsors](#) (7) would make legal the approximate 11 million illegal immigrants and make it easier for companies to import foreign workers It also has a promise of more border control.
Related Bills:[H.R.490](#), [S.223](#), [S.616](#)
Latest Major Action: 4/16/2013 Status: **Approved** by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary .
- B. [S.1](#) : (Immigration)** Immigration Reform that Works for America's Future Act
Sponsor: [Sen Reid, Harry](#) [NV] (introduced 1/22/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (15)
Committees: Senate Judiciary no action
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- C. (Border control) [H.R.72](#)** : To provide for emergency deployments of United States Border Patrol agents and to increase the number of DEA and ATF agents along the international border of the United States to increase resources to identify and eliminate illicit sources of firearms into Mexico for

use by violent drug trafficking organizations and for other lawful activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila](#) [TX-18] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Homeland Security; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

8. **(Jailed for Helping find Ben Laden) [S.158](#)** : -- Private Bill; A bill for the relief of Dr. Shakil Afridi who helped find Ben Laden now in prison in Pakistan for helping USA

Sponsor: [Sen Paul, Rand](#) [KY] (introduced 1/28/2013) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 1/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(Jailed for Helping find Ben Laden). [S.164](#) : A bill to prohibit the United States from providing financial assistance to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed

Sponsor: [Sen Paul, Rand](#) [KY] (introduced 1/28/2013) **Cosponsors** (1)

Latest Major Action: 1/29/2013 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 8.

9. [S. 336](#), [H.R.684](#) The National Internet Tax Mandate. aka Marketplace Fairness Act. To restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes. **Latest Title:** Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen Enzi, Michael B.](#) [WY] (introduced 2/14/2013) **Cosponsors** (23)

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 passed Senate .

10. **(2nd Amendment rights) [H.R.410](#)** : Restore the Constitution Act of 2013 Persons may bring an action in an appropriate United States court to challenge the validity of any executive action which infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or the Second Amendment to the Constitution

Sponsor: [Rep Stockman, Steve](#) [TX-36] (introduced 1/23/2013)

Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status:

Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

- 11.A. (Gun Control) [S.150](#) Latest Title:** A bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes. **Sponsor:** [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 1/24/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (17)
Latest Major Action: 1/24/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

B. (Gun Control) [H.R.137](#) : Fix Gun Checks Act of 2013
Sponsor: [Rep McCarthy, Carolyn](#) [NY-4] (introduced 1/3/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (25)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

C. (Gun Control) [H.R.138](#) : Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act
Sponsor: [Rep McCarthy, Carolyn](#) [NY-4] (introduced 1/3/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (48)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

D. (Gun Control) [H.R.142](#) : Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act of 2013
Sponsor: [Rep McCarthy, Carolyn](#) [NY-4] (introduced 1/3/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (17)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

All of the above failed the week of 4/15/13, but Obama vows to try again
- 12. (Free Speech) [H.R.127](#) :** To restore the Free Speech and First Amendment rights of churches and exempt organizations by repealing the 1954 Johnson Amendment.
Sponsor: [Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr.](#) [NC-3] (introduced 1/3/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- 13. (Stop banks from failing) [H.R.129](#) :** To repeal certain provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and revive the separation between commercial banking and the securities business, in the manner provided in the Banking Act of 1933, the so-called "Glass-Steagall Act", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Kaptur, Marcy](#) [OH-9] (introduced 1/3/2013) **Cosponsors** (1)
Committees: House Financial Services
Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

14. **Obamacare** has several new fees, which the US Supreme Court ruled in 2012, are actually taxes. For a list of the 21 taxes that went into effect on Jan 1, 2013

<http://www.northcarolinateaparty.org/apps/blog/show/16829109-full-list-of-obama-care-tax-hikes-to-fund-obama-care>

A. (Obamacare) H.R.37 : To **repeal** portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to reduce Federal Government spending and to reduce the salaries of Members of Congress, and for other purposes. **Sponsor:** [Rep Barrow, John](#) [GA-12] (introduced 1/3/2013) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Rules; House Administration; House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Rules, House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

B. (Obamacare) H.R.45 : To **repeal** the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. **Sponsor:** [Rep Bachmann, Michele](#) [MN-6] (introduced 1/3/2013) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Education and the Workforce; House Ways and Means; House Judiciary; House Natural Resources; House Rules; House Administration; House Appropriations; House Budget

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Rules, House Administration, Appropriations, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

The National Debt & Budget Mess. Debt & Finance section

A Shutdown The last bill GOP CR passed by House differs from the US Senate DEM bill has ONLY TWO DIFFERENCES from the Senate bill it makes Congressmen, Senators and their staff use Obamacare and delays tax penalties for individuals to

B. US DEBT LIMIT was raised again on 1/23/13 **this increase has now been reached on MAY 17, 2013!!** Even though the Sequestration cuts to pay for the last debt increase in 2011 of over 2 trillion did NOT take effect until 3/1/2013. Under current law the USA runs out of cash the President alone decides what get paid; Obama has already said he may stop paying Social Security benefits and military pay if the limit is not raised again. A clause included the new debt bill passed in Jan requires that Congressmen and Senators pay will be withheld, if their house does NOT annually pass the required budget plan by April 1 of every year. It would be a good idea to combine **HR 247** with May debt bill. **HR 247** would protect Social Security benefits and military pay; when the new debt limit is reached in May, 2013. Obama has already said he may stop paying Social Security benefits and military pay **if the debt limit is not raised again in May 2013**. E-mail your Congressman www.house.gov asks him/her idea to combine **HR 247** with next Debt Limit bill.

1. [H.R.247](#): Ensuring the Full Faith and Credit of the United States and Protecting America's Soldiers and Seniors Act

Sponsor: [Rep Schweikert, David](#) [AZ-6] (introduced 1/14/2013)

Cosponsors (None)

Ensuring the Full Faith and Credit of the United States and Protecting America's Soldiers and Seniors Act - Requires the following to take equal priority over all other federally incurred obligations in the event that the public debt reaches the statutory limit: (1) the authority of the Department of the Treasury to pay with legal tender the principal and interest on debt held by the public; (2) the authority of the Commissioner of Social Security to pay monthly Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act; and (3) the payment of pay and allowances for members of the Armed Forces on active duty.

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Would require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the **debt** held by the public, Social Security benefits, and military pay in the event that the **debt limit** is reached, and for other purposes

C. Budget Sequestration is automatic cuts enacted as part last debt limit increase in summer 2011; the cuts were put off again in Dec 2012 by **HR 8** until March 1, 2013. Social Security is exempt from Sequestration so there will be **NO**

Social Security benefit cuts. For more details on the cuts go to <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/42754> or http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative_reports/sequestration. President Obama gets to pick what is cut in each account within the departments covered under the Sequestration law. The first phase has now taken effect which is a 2% cut of the planned 7% increase so the budget will only increase 5% for fiscal 2013 which ends of Sept 30, 2013. The second phase starts Oct 1, 2013. Sequestration will last 2022 unless the law is changed by Congress.

D. Quantitative Easing is being used by the Federal Reserve Bank (The Fed) to help pay federal debts it has done twice since 2005 Known as QE1 & QE2. **Quantitative Easing is basically printing more money electronically;** this is devaluing the US Dollar internationally. Since Oil is priced in dollars the price of oil and other imported goods goes up when value of dollar goes down. As oil prices go up the price to transport all goods like food goes up raising food prices. QE3 may be ending soon. The fed also often makes low interest loans to US & foreign banks.

1. **S.209 Audit Federal Reserve Bank** (The Fed) **Latest Title:** Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2013
Require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States
Sponsor: [Sen Paul, Rand](#) [KY] (introduced 2/4/2013) **Cosponsors** (22)
Latest Major Action: 2/7/2013 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders; Calendar No. 12.

E. US Budget While the House has passed a budget plan every year; the **US Senate** has been unable to passed its first **Budget Plan, since 2008** this year. The result has been a series of temporary continuing resolutions (CRs). In Sept 2012 Senate and the House passed another 6 month temporary continuing resolution (CR). The CR has extended government funding for six months until April 1 2013. A New 6 month CR, **H.J.Res. 117** for Fiscal Year 2014 (Oct 2013- Sep 2014) passed House on March 6. 2013 and was sent to the US Senate passed it to fund thru Oct 1 2013 minus Budget Sequestration.

Note Federal Spending Up \$30.5B, Not Down, in First 5 Months of Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 2012 thru Sep 30, 2013) <http://cnsnews.com/news/article/305b-federal-spending-not-down-first-5-months-fy13>

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. (NDAA 2014) The House re-ignited a debate that sparked Tea Party outrage, the Smith/Amash Amendment repealing a section of NDAA 2012 that allows U.S. citizens be detained indefinitely without trial or notifying next of kin! Democrats and Tea Party Republicans were again defeated in a push to add the amendment to the Defense Authorization bill. The Amendment would have REPEALED the language from 2012

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA 2012) and changes to the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF). Opponents of the detention laws warn that **U.S. citizens are at risk of indefinite military detention without charges if the law is not changed**. These sections were blocked as by an injunction issued by Judge Katherine Forrest of the U.S. District Court. **The Obama administration was successful on 7/17/13 in getting the sections restored by the 2nd circuit Court of Appeals**. Read more: [The Smith-Amash amendment and NDAA: A loss and a win for liberty | Washington Times Communities](http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/political-potpourri/2012/may/18/paul-amash-amendment-and-ndaa-loss-and-win-liberty/#ixzz25doRjbhT)
<http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/political-potpourri/2012/may/18/paul-amash-amendment-and-ndaa-loss-and-win-liberty/#ixzz25doRjbhT>

The sections NDAA 2012 law adopted in 2011, under the 'worldwide indefinite detention without charge or trial' provision of S.1867, the legislation will "basically says in law for the first time that the homeland is part of the battlefield," said Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), who supports the law . One section of these provisions, section 1031, could be interpreted as allowing the military to capture and indefinitely detain American citizens on U.S. soil. Section 1031 essentially repeals the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 by authorizing the U.S. military to perform law enforcement functions on American soil. The bill can be applied to US citizens it allow any President to lock up US citizens for as long as he/she wants without a trial! The bill was drafted in secret by Senators Carl Levin (D-Mich.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.), before being passed in a closed-door committee meeting without any kind of hearing. It also repeals the federal law that prevents the army from acting like police. However, as Republican Congressman Justin Amash told the The Grand Rapids Press today, the language of the bill is "carefully crafted to mislead the public." "Note that it does not preclude U.S. citizens from being detained indefinitely, without charge or trial, it simply makes such detention discretionary," Amash wrote on his Facebook page. The language appears in sections 1031 and 1032 of the NDAA 2011-2012 law.

*****Information***** Link to the first GAO Federal Reserve audit in over 80 years. Among some of the findings they the Fed provided a whopping \$16 trillion in secret loans to bail out American and FOREIGN banks &, businesses in 2009 & 2010. It also provided conflict of interest waivers to employees and private contractors so they could keep investments in the same financial institutions and corporations that were given emergency loans for a link to the 2011 audit click

<http://sanders.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/GAO%20Fed%20Investigation.pdf> A bill is being consider requiring annual audits.

*****Information*** There is no bill for this but one is needed. Its time restore the Social Security trust fund.** President Johnson (D-TX) ended the real trust fund back in the 1960s. The Social Security trust fund consists only of a special type of low interest US government bonds which are not allowed to be publicly marketed so it currently exists on paper only! If the bonds could be publicly marketed the trust fund would have a large surplus which combined with its annual income means could pay all benefits until least 2037. This lack of a public market is the reason that in August 2011, that President Obama said Social Security checks were in danger unless the government could borrow more money to pay what was due. If the bonds were allowed to be marketed the fund would be independent of the federal government budget and debt problems.

Let recreate the Social Security trust fund. It should be run by a full time seven member board of trustees with seven years terms. The terms should be staged so that one term expires every year. There should be a large financial penalty if anyone leaves the board early. The trust fund should be allowed to invest in government bonds but these should be publicly marketable so it can sell them to pay benefits when needed. The trust fund should also be allowed to open CDs in US Banks and US Credits Unions to make extra income. Each CD should be required to be treated as a separately owned account so that CDs can be fully insured by the FDIC or NCUA. The Social Security Admin should run by the board of trustees and have a separate fiscal year so it is not tied to regular federal budget. If part of the trust fund had been partially invested in CDs 20 years ago the higher interest rates of that era would meant a much larger and stable trust fund today. Restoring the Social Security trust fund could help protect benefits for the foreseeable future. There is currently no bill to restore and protect the trust fund! If you wish to protect Social Security email your Congressman your two US Senators ask them to introduce this bill. See contact info on top of this page.

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