



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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*This Government Affairs and Public Policy Newsletter provides ASISPAC contributors with the latest information regarding the involvement of ASIS with Members of the U.S. Congress and the Department of Homeland Security.*

### HOMELAND SECURITY NEWS

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During the third quarter of 2015, ASIS continued its work to expand public-private partnerships with the federal government. Jack Lichtenstein, ASIS Vice President for Government Affairs & Public Policy, attended the sixth annual Aspen Security Forum at the Aspen Institute. Participants discussed significant national and homeland security issues with a large number of former and current government policymakers and journalists, including: John Carlin, Assistant Attorney General for National Security; Former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff; CNN and Daily Beast reporter Kim Dozier; former CIA and NSA Director General Michael Hayden; Fox News reporter Catherine Herridge; former Directors of the National Counterterrorism Center Michael Leiter and Matt Olson; U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ); U.S. Representative Martha McSally (R-2-AZ); and former White House Homeland Security Advisor Fran Townsend.

The major international issues discussed were the status of the Islamic State, relations between Russia, Ukraine and the NATO countries, and domestic security breaches by international hackers. Major domestic issues discussed were the influence of ISIS on some U.S. citizens and a related problem, the use of "Going Dark" encryption technology which makes tracking domestic terrorist or criminal activity very difficult for law enforcement.

### LEGISLATIVE NEWS (cont.)

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In August, Leaders McConnell and Reid announced a deal that would allow for expedited consideration of CISA this fall. As part of the deal, twenty-one amendments will receive a vote and Senator McConnell can call up CISA for consideration at the time of his choosing without having to call for a vote. ASIS has reviewed each of the twenty-one amendments and targeted several that require additional review with Senate Intelligence Committee staff. ASIS also is participating in a social media messaging campaign to clarify misinformation circulated by anti-CISA groups.

The House has passed two information sharing bills and is awaiting the passage of a Senate bill before further action can be taken by a conference committee.

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ASIS also met with Representative Will Hurd (R-23-TX) to discuss several issues of importance to ASIS members. Mr. Hurd is a freshman Congressman who serves on the Committees on Homeland Security and Oversight & Government Reform.

Congressman Hurd was employed by the CIA for nearly ten years, followed by a career as a cybersecurity consultant. He has been entrusted by the House Leadership with significant responsibility for cybersecurity policy. ASIS has begun a dialogue with Congressman Hurd on several cybersecurity issues, including the "Going Dark" issue and FBI efforts to resolve it, as well as supply chain issues involving the U.S.-Mexican border and the value of ASIS International as a resource for Congress.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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ASIS continued to follow the developments of security-related legislation in the House and Senate during the third quarter of 2015.

Legislative efforts have focused on the passage of cybersecurity information sharing legislation by the House and Senate. ASIS is working with a coalition of organizations to support the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA), S. 754, which has stalled in the Senate after being passed by the Senate Intelligence Committee last March. Most recently, ASIS has coordinated on letters and visits to key Senate offices in promotion of CISA. While supporting its passage, ASIS continues to recommend enhanced liability protections, disclosure and antitrust safeguards, and anti-regulatory considerations that should give companies greater legal certainty when voluntarily monitoring information systems and sharing cyber threat indicators with public and private entities.

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