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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said she moved quickly to improve the security of American diplomats after last year's deadly attack in Benghazi. Watch a [video](#) of her opening remarks on Benghazi.

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We, The Corporations?

We are proud to call [Congressman Jim McGovern](#) of Massachusetts our friend and one of the best congressmen we know! Last week he introduced a [bill to amend the US Constitution](#). The bill would overturn the US Supreme Court's January 2010 ruling in Citizens United v. FEC and to make clear that corporations are not people with rights under the US Constitution. If passed, this would get unlimited funds OUT of the election process. [Our votes](#) might even count more than the money!

We urge you to call your congressman and support Congressman McGovern's legislation. The main number is (202) 225-3121. While you are at it, call Jim's office and voice your support. It's a brave move on his part!

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Immigration Reform, Has its Time Finally Come?

By Scott Orr

Fresh from a November defeat at the polls, fueled in large part by an ever-growing and increasingly monolithic Hispanic voting block, Republicans seem in a mood to compromise on an immigration package that would make it easier for illegal immigrants and their kids to become America citizens.



President Obama, the electoral beneficiary of the Hispanic vote last November, is expected to make immigration reform a key component of his

President Obama's top advisers are unlikely to stick around for a second term. Use Washington Posts' [interactive page](#) to track who's staying, who's going, and who's coming in.

Chuck Hagel before the Senate Armed Services Committee; President Obama's nominee for secretary of defense faces his critics. [Click here to watch the TimesCast.](#)

The US can lawfully kill a U.S. citizen overseas if it determines the target is a "senior, operational leader" of al-Qaeda or an associated group and poses an imminent threat to the United States, according to a Justice Department [document](#) published late Monday by

State of the Union address next Tuesday.

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Obama's Good News for Gun Owners

By Scott Orr

Gun owners, many fearful that the federal government is plotting to disarm them, got some good news last week. President Obama signed 23 executive orders aimed at gun violence and not a single firearm was confiscated.



"Let's do the right thing ... for (shooting victims) and for the country that we love so much. Thank you. I'm going to sign these orders," [Obama said](#) before putting pen to paper and acting unilaterally to tighten gun rules.

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This Week in Washington...

Top 5 Stories

- John Brennan, President Obama's pick for CIA Director, will appear before the Senate Intelligence Committee for his confirmation hearing Thursday, which will likely be dominated by questions about the legality and morality of U.S. drone strikes. Thursday morning, the administration released the long-secret legal rationale for the program to the committee. [Read more](#)
- Former Sen. Chuck Hagel's confirmation vote for Defense secretary was delayed in the Senate Armed Services Committee after 25 Republican Senators sent Hagel a letter this week demanding more information. [Read more](#)
- President Obama urged Congress to pass a short-term package of spending cuts to avert the automatic reductions known as the "sequester" that will take place in March. He also called on Congress to close tax loopholes, saying the deals he had offered before were still on the table and that the sequester "doesn't have to happen." [Read more](#)
- The House Judiciary Committee focused on two major issues in its hearing on immigration reform: whether it should include a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, and whether it should be achieved in a comprehensive bill or through piecemeal legislation, The Hill reported. [Read more](#)
- Obama jettied to Minneapolis this week and delivered a campaign-style address touting his proposal to expand background checks on gun buyers and ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazine clips. [Read more](#)

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