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### EXAMINING HOW VBA CAN EFFECTIVELY PREVENT AND MANAGE OVERPAYMENTS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining How VBA Can Effectively Prevent and Manage Overpayments". Testimony was heard from Willie C. Clark, Sr., Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3018, the "Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act"; H.R. 3634, the "Securing Electronic Records for Veterans' Ease Act of 2017"; H.R. 3949, the "VALOR Act"; H.R. 3965, the "Veterans Armed for Success Act"; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs. H.R. 3949 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. Legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs, H.R. 815, H.R. 3018, H.R. 3634, and H.R. 3965 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF BILL: PROVIDING TARIFF RELIEF TO U.S. MANUFACTURERS THROUGH THE NEW MTB PROCESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: Providing Tariff Relief to U.S. Manufacturers Through the New MTB Process". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Kevin Hassett, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees* met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on Niger, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, and Suzanne Israel Tufts, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine advanced cyber technologies that could be used to help protect electric grids and other energy infrastructure from cyberattacks, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. Res. 279, reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Cambodia, and the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Richard Duke Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Jamie McCourt, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Peter Henry Barlerin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Daniel L.

Foote, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, David Dale Reimer, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Eric P. Whitaker, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, W. Robert Kohorst, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Carla Sands, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Thomas L. Carter, of South Carolina, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Michael T. Evanoff, of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary (Diplomatic Security), Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, and a routine list in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine free speech on college campuses, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine improving oversight of the regulatory process, focusing on lessons from state legislatures, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 807, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, and the nominations of Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Liles Clifton Burke, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Walter David Counts III, to be United States District Judge for the Western Dis-

trict of Texas, Michael Joseph Juneau, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and John F. Bash, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Erin Angela Nealy Cox, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, and R. Andrew Murray, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem for women, 11 a.m., SR-428A.

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

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil; H.R. 2872, the “Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act”; and H.R. 2880, the “Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Refugee Admissions Program”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Financing Through Fintech: Online Lending’s Role in Improving Small Business Capital Access”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.