

heard from Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, OMB; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State; Anthony J. Principi, Former Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Chairman, 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission; David Winstead, Former Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1407, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011; H.R. 1484, Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2011; H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; H.R. 1383, Restoring G.I. Bill Fairness Act of 2011; H.R. 1657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and H.R. 802, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1383, H.R. 802; H.R. 1407; H.R. 1484; and H.R. 1627. H.R. 1657 was ordered reported, without amendment.

BURDENS THAT THE TAX CODE IMPOSES ON AMERICAN COMPANIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the burdens that the tax code imposes on American companies and how such burdens place them at a competitive disadvantage as they try to sell goods and services around the world. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORMING MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reforming Medicare physician payments. Testimony was heard from Lisa Dulsky Watkins, MD, Associate Director, Vermont Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D430)

H.R. 1308, to amend the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act to extend the termination date for the Commission. Signed on May 12, 2011. (Public Law 112–13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup on appropriations bill for FY 2012, 11 a.m., HC–5 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, markup on appropriations bill for FY 2012, 10:15 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing on Examining the Costs of Federal Overreach into School Meals, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing on FCC Process Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The American Energy Initiative, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on The Stanford Ponzi Scheme: Lessons for Protecting Investors from the Next Securities Fraud, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, continued markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011; H.R. 1573, to facilitate implementation of title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, promote regulatory coordination, and avoid market disruption; H.R. 1121, the Responsible Consumer Financial Protection Regulations Act of 2011; H.R. 1315, the Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1667, to postpone the date for the transfer of functions to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if the Bureau does not yet have a Director in place. 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on China's Latest Crackdown on Dissent, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on Whether the Constitution Should Be Amended to Address the Federal Deficit, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to