

KEEP IT SIMPLE: SMALL BUSINESS TAX SIMPLIFICATION AND REFORM, THE COMMISSIONER RESPONDS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Keep It Simple: Small Business Tax Simplification and Reform, the Commissioner Responds”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3936, the “VET Act”; H.R. 4087, the “Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act”; H.R. 4757, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries; H.R. 4758, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the award of the Presidential Memorial Certificate to certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces and certain deceased members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; H.R. 4759, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans' cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization; H.R. 4782, the “Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016”; H.R. 3715, the “Final Farewell Act of 2015”; a draft of the “Medal of Honor Legacy Act”; a draft of the “Love Lives On Act of 2016”; a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the consideration of evidence by Board of Veterans' Appeals; and a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to pay special compensation to certain veterans with the loss or loss of use of creative organs. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of Florida; and Representatives Brown of Florida; Costello; and Love; and David R. McLenachen, Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick K. Hallinan, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3724, the “Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2015”; H.R. 4890, to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy; H.R. 4885, the “IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending (OWES) Act

of 2016”; H.R. 1206, the “No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act”. H.R. 3724, H.R. 4890, H.R. 4885, and H.R. 1206 were ordered reported, as amended.

MEMBER PROPOSALS RELATING TO FUNDAMENTAL REFORM OF THE INCOME TAX SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Tax Policy held a hearing on Member proposals relating to fundamental reform of the income tax system. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte; Representative Williams; and Thomas Barthold, Staff Director, Joint Committee on Taxation.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2016: Committee announced the following membership: Senator Blunt (Chairman), Senator McConnell, Senator Schumer, Representative Paul Ryan, Representative McCarthy, and Representative Pelosi.

Also, Committee approved its budget.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for fiscal year 2017, proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for fiscal year 2017, and 302(b) subcommittee allocations, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings to examine current trends and changes in the fixed-income markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine options for addressing the continuing lack of reliable emergency medical transportation for the isolated community of King Cove, Alaska, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's proposed rule, entitled "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resources Conservation," published in the *Federal Register* on February 8, 2016, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Federal perspective on the state of our nation's biodefense, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nomination of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Focus on the Farm Economy: Growing Farm Financial Pressure", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on United States Pacific Command, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "The Missile Defeat Posture and Strategy of the United States—the FY17 President's Budget Request", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Innovations in Health Care: Exploring Free-Market Solutions for a Healthy Workforce", 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "NHTSA Oversight", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 4775, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The JOBS Act at Four: Examining Its Impact and Proposals to Further Enhance Capital Formation", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "International Trade Commission Patent Litigation", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on the "Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2016", 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4900, the "Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA)" (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4901, the "Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 4902, to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations; H.R. 4906, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency, and for other purposes; H.R. 4921, the "Ditto Act of 2016"; H.R. 4904, the "Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016"; H.R. 4465, the "Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016"; H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the "Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office"; H.R. 2607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building"; H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegetown, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office"; H.R. 4761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the "Louis Van Iersel Post Office"; H.R. 4777, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the "Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building"; and H.R. 4877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "Connecting Veterans with PTSD with Service Dogs", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, hearing on proposed reforms to Rule XXI and the modern authorization and appropriations process, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "Can the IRS Protect Taxpayers' Personal Information?", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Regulation: The Hidden Small Business Tax", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "Maritime Transportation Safety and Stewardship Programs", 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Blackout! Are We Prepared to Manage the Aftermath of a Cyber-Attack or Other Failure of the Electrical Grid?”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled “Evaluating VA IT: Scheduling Modernization and Choice Consolidation”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 748, the “GI Bill STEM Extension Act of 2015”; H.R. 2551, the “Veterans’ Entry to Apprenticeship Act”; H.R. 3286, the “HIRE Vets Act”; H.R. 3419, the “Support for Student Veterans with Families Act”; H.R. 4138, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup relocation expenses paid to or on behalf of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; a draft bill to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the

Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to educational assistance, and for other purposes; a draft of the “Veterans Success on Campus Act of 2016”; a draft of the “GI Bill Oversight Act of 2016”; and a draft bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a research program to evaluate the effectiveness of Transition Assistance Program in addressing needs of certain minority veterans, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Tax Treatment of Health Care”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, organizational meeting; and hearing entitled “Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: Helping U.S. Manufacturers through Tax Cuts”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “General Defense Intelligence Program Budget Hearing”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.