

entitled “Open for Business: The Impact of the CFPB on Small Business.” Testimony was heard from Dan Sokolov, Deputy Associate Director for Research, Markets and Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup on the following: H.R. 2243, the “Veterans Employment Promotion Act”; H.R. 2388, the “Access to Timely Information Act”; and H.R. 2383, the “Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act.” The following was forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2383. The following were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 2243 and H.R. 2388.

EVALUATING VA’S SDVO SB CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Evaluating VA’s SDVO SB Certification Process. Testimony was heard from Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gregory Kutz, Director, Forensic Audit and Investigative Services, GAO; and Tom Leney, Executive Director, Small and Veteran Business Programs, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a markup of the following: H.R. 1154, the “Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act”; H.R. 1855, the “Veterans’ Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 2074, the “Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act”; H.R. 2530, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans; and H.R. 2646, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 1855 and H.R.

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NEW IRS PAID TAX RETURN PREPARER PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the new IRS paid tax return preparer program. Testimony was heard from David Williams, Director, IRS Return Preparer Office, Internal Revenue Service; Jim White, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on Ongoing Intelligence Activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

COMMITMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and the Organization for Cooperation in Europe, focusing on making good on commitments and challenges, including unresolved conflicts, ethnic tension, corruption and lack of governance, racism and intolerance, and trafficking in persons, after receiving testimony from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Office of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary, Office of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State; Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of International Security Affairs; Michael Haltzel, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Center for Transatlantic Relations, Washington, D.C.; and Catherine Fitzpatrick, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.