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Subcommittee Passes New Protections for Veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity favorably reported four bills to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. It is expected the legislation will go before the Committee as early as next Thursday, May 12, 2011.

“These bills are fiscally responsible, meet the needs of our veterans, and are supported by both sides of the aisle,” stated Rep. Stutzman (IN-03), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. Each bill was passed unanimously.

Included in today's markup was H.R. 1383, the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011, introduced by Rep. Jeff Miller (FL-01), Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

“It is unfortunate we need to fix the changes made to the Post 9/11 GI Bill last year. We understand the financial burden placed on veterans seeking higher education and have done everything possible to minimize the impact. These new provisions ensure students will not have pay more for their education than promised,” Miller said.

The four pieces of legislation favorably reported to the full Committee are:

H.R. 1383, Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011 (introduced by Rep. Miller of Florida, Rep. Bishop of New York, Rep. Runyan, and Rep. Stutzman)—as amended.

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 (introduced by Rep. Stutzman).

H.R. 802, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program (introduced by Rep. Filner).

H.R. 1671, Andrew Connolly Veterans' Housing Act (introduced by Rep. Braley).

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