

DAV LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10 a.m., in room 302, Cannon House Office Building, Hon. Olin E. Teague (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Mr. TEAGUE. The committee will come to order.

The committee is always happy to have the Disabled American Veterans appear before our committee. At this time I would like to recognize Mr. Mark Andrews, of North Dakota, to introduce the national commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mark, if I might say to the people who are here before we start, almost every Member of Congress has two or three committee meetings and that is why there are some absences this morning, but they will be coming in and out. One of the most disappointing things about being a Member of Congress is time; we do not have time to do all the things we would like to do.

STATEMENT OF HON. MARK ANDREWS, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I am well aware of this problem. I just left a briefing with Secretary Rusk to come here this morning because this, to me, is a very wonderful occasion, not only as a member of the Disabled American Veterans myself, but as a long-time personal friend of a fellow townsman of mine who is now the national commander of the DAV, Francis J. Beaton, whom you will hear very shortly and I do not want to intrude on his time.

Mr. Beaton comes from one of our distinguished families in North Dakota. His father served in the State legislature, and he is involved in one of our key industries, livestock. Mr. Beaton is doing a great job as National Commander of this fine outstanding veterans organization. It is a great deal of pleasure for me to introduce him to you to give his report of the Disabled American Veterans. I present to you Mr. Francis J. Beaton.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Commander, Mr. Haley of Florida would like to say one word before you start.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Commander and my good friend from your great State, you have a fine Representative serving you here in the Congress. Mr. Andrews is interested in all veterans.

I happen to have spent a little time in your great State. I was warmly received, even as a Democrat, out there. Somebody had told