

me before I went out that it was hunting season and I had better watch out because there was no law against killing a Democrat. But I had a fine time and I appreciated the courtesy extended to me by the good people of your State. You do have a fine State and I want to welcome the national commander of the Disabled American Veterans here this morning.

Mr. BEATON. Thank you, Jim.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Commander.

STATEMENT OF FRANCIS J. BEATON, NATIONAL COMMANDER, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS; ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES L. HUBER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION; AND JOHN J. KELLER, NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. BEATON. Thank you, Congressman Andrews, for those very fine introductory remarks, and thank you, Congressman Haley, for your very special additional remarks about our Congressman and our great State of North Dakota, of which we are genuinely proud.

At the outset I would like to introduce some of the staff of the DAV, along with the head of its auxiliary.

At this time I would like to introduce to you our national commander of the DAV Auxiliary, Mrs. Viola Green, from the great State of Washington. (Applause.)

Next I would like to present to your committee and to the guests our national adjutant, Mr. Denvel D. Adams. (Applause.)

Next I would like to introduce a gentleman who needs no introduction to this distinguished committee and its chairman, our very distinguished national director of legislation, Mr. Charles L. Huber, to my right.

(Applause.) Next I would like to introduce to you our national service director, Mr. John J. Keller, from Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

Working very closely with our national legislative director, Mr. Charles L. Huber, we have an interim national legislative committee. I am sure many of you have had the opportunity to visit with these gentlemen. Mr. Joe V. Adair of Oklahoma chairs this committee. Mr. Adair.

(Applause.)

Serving with him on this committee are Mr. John W. Bill of the State of New Jersey, and Mr. John R. Davis of the great State of Georgia and also Mr. Lyle Pearson from the State of Minnesota.

(Applause.)

This concludes the introduction of our staff members and those working closely with and related thereto.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee: It is, indeed, a privilege and a pleasure for me, as national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, to appear before you and present our legislative program for the second session of the 90th Congress.

On behalf of the DAV national and State officers assembled here this morning, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the cooperation, interest, and help extended to us by your committee throughout the past year.