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House of Representatives. COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to call, in room 362, Cannon House Office Building, Hon. W. J. Bryan Dorn presiding.

Mr. Dorn. The committee will come to order.

Mr. Commander, I want to express to you Chairman Teague's regret that he cannot be with us this morning. One of his very personal and closest friends in Texas passed away. Mr. Teague will be back, however, in time for the banquet tomorrow evening, at which time he hopes

to see and pay his respects to you.

I might say at this juncture that those of us on the committee who are associated with Chairman Teague are proud of him and we are proud of his war record and of his able, distinguished leadership of this committee in behalf of the veterans and the people of the United States.

We are proud of Mr. Teague and regret that he cannot be with us

today.

After the distinguished national commander completes his presentation to the committee, I will call on each member of the committee at

that time.

We are proud to have with us this morning our distinguished colleague from the great State of Nebraska—and I might say that is where William Jenning Bryan also came from—but Bob Denney is one of my dear personal friends here in the Congress. We have served on another committee together, the Public Works Committee.

Bob is a dedicated American, a man who believes in the principles and ideals that made this Nation great. He served in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I believe. So, you know his record as it relates to communism and those insidious things that threaten the welfare of

our Nation.

Commander, I want to congratulate you and the people out there for sending to this Congress a man like Bob Denney, and I now present to the committee and to the gathering here the Honorable Bob Denney, who will present our distinguished visitor this morning.

STATEMENT BY THE HONORABLE ROBERT V. DENNEY

Mr. Denney. Thank you, Chairman Dorn, and members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

It is a real personal privilege and pleasure for me to present the national commander, William Galbraith, of Beemer, Nebr. As a constituent of mine and as national commander, we have been in Legion work for many years together since World War II.