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*Waiver of service-connected disabilities in certain cases*

1967 Convention Resolution No. 437 (Va.) seeks legislation to provide that service-connected disabilities may be waived for the purpose of meeting good health requirements under 38 USC 715 where veterans hold policies with total disability income provisions authorized by the Insurance Act of 1946, with a similar waiver of good health. (HR-14801 introduced by Congressman Kornegay (N.C.)).

*USGLI and NSLI not be subject to the Federal estate tax*

1967 Convention Resolution No. 438 (Va.) seeks legislation to provide that proceeds of USGLI and NSLI shall not be subject to the imposition of the Federal estate tax. (HR-14814 introduced by Congressman Kornegay (N.C.)).

*Reinstatement of lapsed NSLI in certain cases*

1967 Convention Resolution No. 439 (Va.) seeks legislation to provide for waiver of service-connected disabilities less than total, for reinstatement of lapsed NSLI policies of veterans of service between the inclusive dates of December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945, or June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1953, if application therefor, with a remittance covering all missing premiums, plus interest, is received by the VA within two years from the date such policy lapsed, as is now provided for holders of USGLI. (HR-14800 introduced by Congressman Kornegay (N.C.)).

*Fixed schedule of premium rates for certain NSLI*

1967 Convention Resolution No. 440 (Va.) seeks legislation to provide that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, at the end of one five-year period of experience from the effective date of the insurance plans established under section 38 USC 725(b), shall establish a fixed schedule of maximum premium rates, and to provide that those policies of insurance continued after notice to the policyholder of the future fixed rate of premium shall be on a participating basis. (HR-14938 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).

Mr. DORN. Mr. Commander, on behalf of the chairman and those of the committee here this morning, I want to personally express my deep gratitude for a splendid, concise, and very reasonable statement to this committee.

I want to thank my distinguished colleague for so ably presenting you to the committee.

I am pleased to announce that hearings will begin before this committee the last week in March on the proposal for national cemeteries closer to the areas where our veterans live.

I might say this on behalf of the American Legion: That I couldn't let this opportunity pass without thanking you and each member of the American Legion of the United States for their devotion to the security of this Nation. A lot of people are unaware that in addition to a very fine veterans' program, that since 1919 at every national convention you have advocated measures which I believe would have prevented World War II and certainly the Korean war.

Had the Congress and the people of the country followed the recommendations of the Legion, I believe it would have prevented the trouble in Southeast Asia today.

You have also advocated a strong view which I want to commend you for. Certainly your view has been helpful to the Members of Congress who agreed with the Legion that this Nation must be strong, and that the only thing that the enemies of this Nation really respect is force. So I want to commend you for that.

Mr. Commander. I am sorry Bill Ayres had another committee meeting but he asked us to express to you his deep regrets that he had to leave to attend this other committee meeting.