

Mr. Dulski, I am going to call on you first because I know you have another committee meeting and have to leave in a few moments.

Mr. Dulski from New York.

Mr. DULSKI. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Commander, my colleagues, I am very much impressed with the very fine statement you have made here. I know the American Legion is one of the organizations that stood out for the great things that have been echoed by our good friend, Mr. Dorn. I don't want to repeat the same words. But I am a member and Chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee where a joint resolution has been introduced to remind everyone that there is a veterans preference law on the books. We are going to have a meeting this afternoon on this measure.

Secondly, I have another meeting at the Department of Agriculture of concern to many veterans from my area working in the grain industry. Grain storage has been cutting back. So, we are having a meeting with Secretary Freeman and the staff.

I want to congratulate you on your presentation and take the opportunity to remind you that this committee is a nonpartisan organization. It is a pleasure for me to serve with this committee because we fight in a different way. We have disagreements but we agree on one thing: There is unity for the benefit and the liberty of our country.

Again, I want to congratulate you on your fine statement and thank the chairman for giving me the privilege to say a few words to my comrades who are here from all over the country.

To you, Mr. Commander, may God bless you and all the work that you endeavor in the future.

Thank you very much.

Mr. GALBRAITH. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. DORN. Mr. Commander, I want to present to you now a member of the committee that stood by the chairman and vice chairman and the rest of us throughout the years, James Haley from Florida.

Mr. HALEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Commander, let me say this: That you should be very proud of the able Congressman that you have representing your great congressional district. The only trouble with him is he wears the insignia of an elephant instead of a donkey. But we forgive him for that, Mr. Commander. He is a highly respected member of the Congress. He comes from a great State and we are all happy to work with him.

Mr. Commander, I want to say to you that you have presented what I think is a very modest program in behalf of the great organization that you represent. I might say that I have belonged to this organization since its founding, Mr. Commander, so I know of the tremendous work and the good that this organization has done throughout the years. It has been a staunch ally for law and order.

I merely want to say this, Mr. Commander: That it gives you a good feeling sometime, up here in the lonely battles that the members of the Congress must fight and the decisions that they must make—sometimes unpopular; sometimes popular—to know that a great organization of true, dedicated Americans are standing behind the things that have made us as a nation in a short period of time, as far as nations go, the most wealthy and the most powerful nation on the face of the earth.

We have men today, or people today, Mr. Commander—I call them