

ings this year. But if we were to approve legislation today in many instances in this country, we would be too late to save some of the cemeteries in the communities throughout this country.

So, we must not only hold hearings this year; we must pass legislation to insure that the veteran will still have his identity, that he will certainly have a place of burial.

We thank you again for coming to this committee each year and presenting to us your program. I assure you of my complete cooperation in every request that you have. [Applause.]

Mr. DORN. Mr. Commander, I do want all of you to know the members of our committee. We just have two or three more.

I notice Mr. Kupferman just came in. He succeeded the Honorable John Lindsay here in the Congress, who is now making a great record as mayor of that great city.

I want to present to you your good friend, Mr. Kupferman, from New York City.

Mr. KUPFERMAN. I thank you.

I was in a meeting in the other committee, Commander.

I did want to get a copy of your statement so I could see your desires.

I want to assure you all of my great interest in the American Legion and my feeling that the veterans of this Nation deserve very well and that we in the Congress are going to make it possible.

Thank you.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Commander, we will have to give these young fellows time here, you know.

Our next member is a young man. One of the finest things I can say about him is that the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and senior member of his delegation from Arkansas is perhaps the most powerful man in the Western World, certainly more powerful than Harold Wilson, the Prime Minister of England. If you give John time, I am sure he will be as powerful as the senior member of his State delegation.

I want to present John Hammerschmidt of Arkansas.

Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commander, let me join in expressing thanks to you, already stated so well by my colleague on the committee; and I, too, wish to congratulate you on a fine, consistent statement in behalf of the American veterans and their dependents.

I can't pass up this chance to thank you as a Nebraskan for sending us this outstanding, dedicated Congressman, Bob Denney. I also have had the opportunity of serving with him on the Public Works Committee. I know of his hard work and interest there on that committee, as mentioned earlier by my distinguished colleague, Mr. William Jennings Bryan Dorn, our acting chairman, who is doing such a fine job this morning.

But, I would like to express my regrets, too, that Mr. Teague, our great chairman, can't be with us this morning. I know what his disappointment must be that he can't be here with this group as he has worked with so well through the years.

I would like to say that during my short tenure of service on this committee that I have developed a great admiration for this great man.