

"Tiger" Teague, as well as I have for these gentlemen who are my colleagues on this committee.

As Mr. Dorn and others have stated so well, he does this in a non-partisan way. He runs the committee for the benefit of our veterans, which is as it should be.

Again, I thank you for this excellent statement on major goals, I assure you of my support of it. [Applause.]

Mr. DORN. Mr. Commander, the last member of the committee here that I want to present to you this morning might be quite far down the ladder from a seniority standpoint. God forbid, if the atomic bomb ever fell and blew the rest of us up, Mr. Scott would probably be the chairman of the committee.

But I do want to present to you my own Congressman. You know, a lot of us live over in Virginia and other areas around Washington. So, I am not going to say too much about it and give him more time to prove himself. He is certainly doing a great job so far.

My own Congressman, Bill Scott. [Applause.]

Mr. SCOTT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

When you are last but not least, there is not a whole lot you can say after listening to the statements that have been made, except, Comrade Commander, I would like to join in those statements that have been made. I am sure that you will find in the future—as it has been in the past—this committee will be cooperative with the Legion in the interest of veterans.

I don't know how Bob Denney can get all the commendations that he has gotten here today.

Bob, if you will, while I join in it, I would like to learn how this is done, so perhaps I can on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

I am disappointed that our national commander has not told the same jokes that he did last night.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DORN. Thank you, Bill.

Mr. Commander, we are delighted, of course, that the Madam President of the National Auxiliary could be with you this morning, and also the charming ladies with her.

Before we adjourn, I do want to present to you the committee staff—and we appreciate and those of us on the committee are grateful to you for your kind comments about the staff of this committee. I think there is no committee in the Congress that has a finer or more dedicated, devoted staff than the staff of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. I am going to ask them to stand, each of them who is here, and present them to you. [Applause.]

Bob, I know you will insert the national commander's address in the Congressional Record today so all of the people throughout the Nation will know the position of the American Legion. We thank you for doing so and thank you for being here.

Mr. DORN. Thank you, Commander.

The committee is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 11:23 a.m., the committee adjourned.)