

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10:05 a.m., pursuant to call, in the caucus room, Cannon House Office Building, Hon. Olin E. Teague (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. The committee will come to order.

Coming from south Texas, where this snow is not normal, I am certainly surprised and pleased to see so many people here.

Our format this morning will be to introduce Mr. Cooper Holt and let him introduce the members of the VFW he wishes.

There is one thing that stops the airlines, and that's the weather. Congressman Philbin, who represents the home district of the national commander and planned to introduce him to the committee, was stuck in Massachusetts because of the weather. Since he couldn't be here, Congressman Jim Burke will introduce the commander.

I now turn the meeting over to Cooper Holt. I might say I will introduce each member of the committee to everybody in the audience later. Nearly every member up here has anywhere from one to three committee meetings this morning and there will be some going and coming, and that's the reason that this will happen.

Mr. HOLT. You go right ahead.

STATEMENT OF COOPER T. HOLT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Mr. HOLT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, I wish to introduce three wonderful and charming ladies we have with us.

Ruth Bogaez the national president of our ladies auxiliary.

(Applause.)

And the wife of our senior vice commander in chief, Jean Homan. [Applause.]

And the wife of our junior vice commander in chief, Trixie Gallagher. [Applause.]

Now, our senior vice commander in chief, Dick Homan, from West Virginia. [Applause.]

The junior vice commander in chief, Ray Gallagher, from South Dakota. [Applause.]

The adjutant general, Julian Dickenson, from Missouri. [Applause.]