

6. Increase Travel Expense for Veterans Reporting for Examination or Hospitalization (Res. 36).
7. VA Rating Procedure—Correct Inequities (Res. 39).
8. Opposing Use of VA Hospitals for Non-Veterans (Res. 49).
9. Veterans Administration Department of Medicine and Surgery Program, Omnibus—Provide Priority for Combat Veterans, Provide Eligibility for Campaign Service, Contract Burial (Res. 54).
10. Protesting Loss of Land Under the Jurisdiction of the VA at VA Hospital in Connecticut (Res. 62).
11. Opposing Denial of Organization Credit to Hospital Volunteers (Res. 72).
12. Out-Patient Treatment for Service Connected Veterans (Res. 89).
13. Prisoners of War Presumption of Certain Diseases (Res. 98).
14. Maintain and Strengthen Benefits for Veterans (Res. 143).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Additional Income Allowances Certain Senior Citizens (Res. 67).
2. Opposing Judicial Reviews of Veterans Appeals (Res. 106).
3. Providing for Time Off Job for Members of a Duly Organized Honor Guard (Res. 127).
4. Recognition and Support to the U.S.A. National Council of the Royal Canadian Legion (Res. 161).
5. Support Shelter Program in Construction of Post Homes (Res. 170).
6. Veterans Organizations on Military Installations (Res. 193).
7. Military Draft Status Classification George Hamilton (Res. 211).
8. Assist in War on Poverty—Economic Opportunity Act (Res. 237).
9. Honoring the Memory of Adm. Leland P. Lovette (Res. 246).
10. Modify Rules for Officers Questioning Suspects (Res. 260).
11. To oppose the Sale of Communist-Made Products in the U.S. (Res. 261).
12. Commemorative Stamp for Gen. MacArthur (Res. 262).
14. Move U.S. Frigate "Constellation" to Permanent Berth (Res. 263).
14. Urge Use of Frozen Japanese Assets (Res. 266).
15. Endorse H.R. 316—Safety Measures, Refrigerators (Res. 268).
16. Opposing Dodd Bill—Restriction of Fire Arms (Res. 272).
17. Opposing Purchase from Foreign Firms, Etc. (Res. 286).

Mr. SCERRA. Thank you, sir.

In addition, to augment those recommendations, I should like to stress a few remaining consideration:

The second message on veterans which President Johnson sent to Congress on January 30 was received with great enthusiasm by our members. We were pleased to note that this message recommended more varied assistance to Vietnam veterans than that enjoyed by the veterans of World War II and Korea. It did not, however, provide for immediate financial assistance upon termination of military service.

We of the Veterans of Foreign Wars strongly favor the inclusion of mustering-out pay, based upon the length of service and overseas duty. This was a benefit enjoyed by the veterans of previous wars, and one which provide extremely helpful upon the initial return to civilian life.

We are hopeful that a third message on veterans will be forthcoming from the President, when he has received the recommendations of his Advisory Commission, through the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

You will note that our priority legislative program contains seven basic points: Compensation, pension, veteran preference, GI bill, national cemeteries, medical care, and a Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee comparable, we hope, in its dedication and service to both the veteran and the Nation, to this great committee. [Applause.]