

mittees that go to the floor with bills they fight over and argue among themselves. In nearly all cases we sit in this committee room and work out our differences on the basis of what our members think is best for veterans and the country. Bills that go to the floor in most cases are reported unanimously, and I don't believe any other committee could say that, including that of our good friend, Ted Dulski, here who is chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Another thing that I think speaks well for our committee is that most bills we report and which go to the Senate come back without amendment, or in most cases where we do disagree and there is an amendment, it is a case where the Senate just doesn't know what it's talking about. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. Haley says I'll regret that, and maybe I will. I don't care. [Laughter.]

I would like to recognize the members of my committee for any comments or questions they might want to ask.

Mr. Haley of Florida.

Mr. HALEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Commander, first I want to apologize to you. When you visited my great State and my congressional district you invited me to attend one of the affairs that you had in our Sunshine State of Florida, and by the way, it is about 70° down there this morning. [Laughter.]

But like a lot of people, even those from the State of Florida—the old flue bug, I got it from up here somewhere. On the advice of my doctor, I was laid up, but I do want to apologize to you, Mr. Commander, because I understand that you had a very fine meeting and made quite an impression, of course, in my congressional district.

I also want to say, Mr. Commander, that you have submitted a program that is basically what our great organization, the VFW, stands for—what we are interested in and what we have been fighting for for many years.

I also would like to say to you and to the organization that you should be very proud of these 54 young American citizens that you are training to follow in your footsteps. I might say to them—and I don't see a beatnik among them, they are good, clean people. [Applause.] My advice to you young people is this: After all, in just a few years you, some of you, will be sitting in these chairs directing, you might say, the affairs of your Nation. Find out all you can about this great Government of yours and let me assure you, regardless of what some of the hawks and doves and the other kind of birds that we have say [laughter] you still have the finest Government in the world. [Applause.]

Let no one tell you different from that. You also are sponsored by one of the great organizations of this Nation [applause], men who have defended the basic things that in a short space of time, as far as nations have gone, made up the most powerful and the wealthiest Nation on the face of this earth.

Don't lose any of this. Look back and accept guidance and counsel from members of this fine organization. They know the horrors of war, they oppose the wars, yet sometimes it is necessary, and these men have carried the battle flag of this Nation throughout the farflung battlefields of the world victoriously.