

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. This former national commander doesn't really deserve to be recognized, but I think the committee would agree with me that we should recognize him. Dick Roudebush. [Applause.]

Mr. ROUDEBUSH. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I first want to express my gratitude to the chairman and my good friend, Olin Teague of Texas, for allowing me to join with the Veterans' Affairs Committee, of which I am not a member, in listening to this testimony today.

I will say to my commander-in-chief I have listened very carefully and diligently to his testimony and I find nothing with which I do not agree. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Dulski, of New York, and Mr. Commander, that's where your veteran preference problem lies—Mr. Dulski's problem.

Mr. DULSKI. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, my colleagues, Commander, members of the VFW:

I am very proud to be a member of this committee and, as Mr. Teague says, that this committee is a nonpartisan group, we try to work in the same way in the Post Office and Civil Service. We have disagreements but we have always disagreed agreeably. May I add this, as Mr. Baring has said, it is very difficult to follow the great statesmanship of our good colleague on the committee, Congressman Haley, who brought out very well everything that I had in mind to say.

The only thing I may add is this: First, that I wholeheartedly support the entire program of your committee, and second, I want to commend you on the great dedication of your statement to patriotism which is so essential in this troublesome world. Also, I want to congratulate the young men and women who are here—dedicated as they are in the footsteps of your program.

Again, Commander, it is a privilege and honor to be present here with you and to listen to your testimony.

Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Now if I may be excused, I have a meeting with the Committee on Rules at 11 o'clock, along with Congressman Hanley who serves on my committee, to bring forth the House Joint Resolution 1052, which you so wholeheartedly support. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Jim, since you have to leave, let me recognize you next.

Congressman Jim Hanley, of New York.

Mr. HANLEY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commander.

I, too, want to commend you on your straightforward, your excellent statement this morning, and I can only echo the remarks of those who have preceded me. It was a great statement. I personally completely endorse your legislative objectives.

I take this opportunity to commend your organization on the consistent membership growth which is rather positive evidence of the excellent administration you, the officers, have provided the VFW. I further want to commend all of the participants in the oratorical contest, the Voice of America. I can only say to all of you that we have some great citizens in the making.

I personally want to express my gratitude to the VFW for its consistent support of this Government in our involvement in Southeast