

Asia. Personally, I am somewhat unhappy about what is going on over on the other side in the Senate yesterday and today with respect to the interrogation—[applause].

Thank you very much.

With respect to the interrogation of our truly eloquent, loyal, and dedicated Secretary of State, and I say that should he choose to leave the service of this Government, it would indeed be a sorry day for the United States of America. [Applause.]

Again I conclude with an expression of gratitude for your attendance here this morning and the fine statement you have made. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Jim, I might tell you that I understood the VFW this morning has sent a telegram to the Secretary of State expressing the support of the VFW of America of his position. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Saylor of Pennsylvania.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commander, first, I have been handed a message that Bill Ayres had another meeting, but he says any member of the VFW that wants to find his views—will find his remarks on page E-1722 of March 11's Congressional Record in which he placed in the Congressional Record your VFW legislative goals for this year. [Applause.]

Mr. SAYLOR. Now, Commander, I would like to describe our World War I veteran on this committee, Jim Haley. You heard him say he was worried about the soldiers coming back.

Jim is such an oldtimer around here, he doesn't know we have the sailors that take them over and bring them back. [Laughter and applause.]

He doesn't know that the Marines do all the fighting. [Applause.]

He doesn't know we've got the Air Force all over there, he doesn't know that we have the Coast Guard and the Seabees—these are all branches that came into the service after Jim got out. [Laughter.]

Now, Commander, I was delighted with the testimony that you presented to us and I would like to commend you because whether the rest of the members of this committee realize it or not, today, as of the 12th of March, 1968, you have more members in our organization than at any other time and I hope that you will be able to complete your goal.

I just want to remind some of you folks that are out in the audience that you have a great organization, but if it were not for Pennsylvania, I don't know where you would be. [Applause.]

As of January 1, 1968, Pennsylvania had 113,443 members—the closest runnerup was that outfit out in Illinois which had 72,000; New York, 64,000; Minnesota, 52,000; and Ohio, 48,000.

I didn't even find Massachusetts among the first five. [Laughter and applause.]

Commander, if these Members of Congress and the members of your organization like you as much as their remarks and the applause would indicate, you better tell them I know you have more than 113,000 veterans up in Massachusetts, and tell them to get out and belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and sign up other members. [Applause.]

I'm delighted to hear your comments in regard to hospital beds and hospital care. Now, your organization was one of those which sup-