

Mr. CASERTA. I asked them to come to Washington so we could subpoena the House Un-American Committee records on these particular individuals, and I understand now the suit is being dropped.

Mr. DORN. I am sure, Commander, a million attorneys in this country would volunteer to defend you. We are proud of you and appreciate your splendid testimony here today. Thank you so much, and the material you have presented to the committee staff will be included in the record at this point, without objection.

(The material referred to follows:)

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The following represents a recap of the content of letters received from the respective State Governors in response to the March 16, 1967 letter sent to each Governor by AMVETS' National Commander, A. Leo Anderson of Washington, D.C., regarding the present situation affecting the National Cemetery System problem.

The intent of Commander Anderson's letter was to ascertain the position of the various States with respect to the possibility of making available suitable land to be set aside and dedicated for National Cemetery use within the confines of the respective States.

In part Commander Anderson said, "During the course of the June 1966 hearings before the Subcommittee on Hospitals of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, the spokesman for the Department of the Army stated that in 1947, the Army favored a National Cemetery in each State in the Nation. This policy was subsequently changed, apparently because the cost of land acquisition would be prohibitive in nature and they favored a "no expansion" policy for National Cemeteries.

"The pertinent provisions of Section 271a, Chapter 7, Title 24, United States Code (National Cemeteries), 'authorizes the Secretary of the Army to accept land donated by any State for the establishment of a National Cemetery.' This statute indicates that Congress, with foresight, recognized that as the National Cemetery System needed expansion from time to time, such a provision was needed and accordingly was written into the law."

*Alabama.*—Matter referred to the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs for his evaluation and recommendation.

*Arizona.*—The Executive Assistant to the Governor suggests more discussion on proposal.

*Arkansas.*—Referred suggestion to the State Land Department for their evaluation and recommendations.

*Connecticut.*—Copies of letter were forwarded to the Chairman of the Senate and House General Assembly's Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs for Committee consideration.

*Delaware.*—Governor favorably considered proposal and referred matter for thorough and complete examination to the Delaware State Planner.

*Georgia.*—Governor discussed this matter with Director of State Veterans Services, Mr. Pete Wheeler. Two National Cemeteries in Georgia. It is anticipated that these cemeteries will be filled within the next several years. If available land is not obtainable the Governor indicated he will consider recommending to the Georgia Legislature some measure to cope with this situation.

*Hawaii.*—Governor indicated that the burial space at the Punch BOWL is estimated as sufficient for almost three decades.

*Idaho.*—Governor plans feasibility study of suitable tracts of land; will solicit opinions from veterans service organizations; and possibly propose legislation for consideration by the scheduled meeting of the Idaho Legislature in January 1969.

*Indiana.*—Governor referred letter to State Director of Veterans Affairs, Charles Howell, for his evaluation. General Assembly does not convene until January 1969 and the State veterans organizations will be contacted for their recommendations.

*Iowa.*—Governor indicates no acute problem in that State.

*Kentucky.*—State legislature meets January of 1968 and this matter will be referred to the General Assembly through the Governor's Office at that time.

*Louisiana.*—Governor referred this matter to the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Dick Staggs, for his attention and recommendation.