

DEFENSE SPACE INTERESTS

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1961

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., Hon. Overton Brooks (chairman) presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

I am informed on account of the smallness of the space here, and the number of people who want to get into the room, we are having some difficulty. We want to certainly take care of the reporters who come here to do a job. They come here in the regular, routine course of their work. Now, if there is any way we can accommodate the reporters better than what we have, we want to do it. You might suggest to Mr. Finch how we can improve the situation, which is going to be difficult, even at best.

We have a table coming in next week that will help some, but the prime problem is, we don't have the room here. I hope everybody will bear with us.

This morning, members of the committee, we have some very distinguished witnesses here. I know they are busy men, and so I would suggest as soon as we finish with these witnesses, that we release them, if there is no objection, that they may return to their office. I know what it is, now, with legislative committees calling them from all parts of the Hill, that they have a job to do and they have to get back to their offices.

Our first witness this morning is the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable E. J. Stahr.

Secretary Stahr, I think you were here the other day with our committee and we are very appreciative of your appearance.

We have your biography here. I think it would be very appropriate to have the entire document entitled "Biographical Material" inserted in the record at this point.

(The document referred to is as follows:)

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ELVIS J. STAHR, JR.

Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., of West Virginia, Secretary of the Army, was sworn into office January 24, 1961; born in Hickman, Kentucky, March 9, 1916; son of Judge Elvis J. and Mary McDaniel Stahr; was graduated from Hickman High School 1932, and from the University of Kentucky (A.B.) 1936; won a Rhodes scholarship and attended Merton College, Oxford University, 1936-39 (B.A. in Jurisprudence, M.A., B.C.L.); honorary LL.D. West Virginia Wesleyan College, Concord (W. Va.) College and Waynesburg (Pa.) College; commissioned second lieutenant of Infantry, ORC, December 3, 1940; student and instructor at the