

DEFENSE SPACE INTERESTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 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 have a small matter to take up this morning and while we are waiting on a Republican to come, I wish to say this: That under the authority that the rules give me I have created a subcommittee from this committee, headed by Mr. Miller, for the purpose of working out satisfactory jurisdictional arrangements with the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. We have some jurisdiction in oceanography and they have some jurisdiction and we always work together in harmony.

So I have set up this subcommittee, Mr. Miller being the chairman because he is a member of both committees, Merchant Marine and Fisheries and this committee.

Mr. Anfuso is a member of it and Mr. Daddario is a member. On the other hand, Mr. Jim Fulton and Mr. Riehlman are members. They constitute the subcommittee. I hope the subcommittee will get to work right away and contact the authorities from the other committee and let us work it out so we can go ahead with the work that we have in oceanography.

I am just told the Republicans are having a conference on the House Floor. I do not know what it is about but probably these newspaper reporters do. The best thing for us to do is to go ahead, because we have these distinguished witnesses here this morning.

This is Navy Day and we have Hon. John B. Connally, the Secretary of the Navy; we have Hon. James H. Wakelin, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and we have Vice Admiral John T. Hayward, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Development). We have Rear Admiral Thomas F. Connolly, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Naval Weapons this morning, a distinguished array of Navy witnesses and we are delighted to have them here.

As you know, gentlemen, we have been probing into the extent and ramifications of the new order which designates the assignment of space missions and space R. & D. programs, among the several Services and we have heard from the Defense Department, the Air Force, and the Army and this morning we want to hear from each of you.

My thought is that we would hear from the Secretary of the Navy first. I understand the Secretary has a prepared statement.

Mr. Secretary, if you would proceed with your prepared statement, we would be glad to have it. We have his background here also. At