

the programs of the Department. This includes representing the Secretary before the Congress, at the White House and the Bureau of the Budget, and before other governmental agencies. In originating and formulating the legislative program of the Department, supervises the preparation of executive communications, reports on pending bills, and the drafting of bills for Members of Congress.

January 1953 to January 1960: Partner in the law firm of Edwards and Reese, Hobbs, New Mexico.

January 1951 to January 1953: Assistant District Attorney of the Fifth Judicial District of New Mexico.

July 1950 to January 1951: In general practice of law in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Special Assignment: General Counsel to New Mexico State Senate, 24th Legislative Session, 1959.

Military Service: Entered active service as Private, U.S. Army, in May 1943. Basic training, Armored Force, Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry, Ft. Benning, Georgia, on January 5, 1945. 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Procurement Claims Officer, AFWESPAC Headquarters. Discharged at Camp Beale, California, July 1946.

Professional Associations: Member of Bar Associations of the U.S. Supreme Court, the State of Arizona, and the State of New Mexico.

The CHAIRMAN. I will call on Senator Anderson, the senior Senator from the State of New Mexico, which is Mr. Edwards home of record, to make the first statement. I understand that Senator Montoya, of New Mexico, also has a statement in support of Mr. Edwards.

Senator ANDERSON. Mr. Chairman, I welcome the opportunity to speak in behalf of a fellow New Mexican, especially one who has given unselfishly of his time and talent to Government service. I knew Max Edwards when he was practicing law in Hobbs, N. Mex.

He left private law practice in 1961 to become an assistant to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall. In that capacity he has taken on a number of responsibilities, including that of adviser and legislative counsel.

Max Edwards has worn many hats in fulfilling his duties. He represents the Secretary before the Congress, at the White House, and before the Bureau of the Budget. He has had a hand in formulating most of the legislative landmarks of the past 7 years which, in my judgment, will make a significant contribution to the cause of conservation for years to come.

This experience has served him well and qualifies him to hold the position of an Assistant Secretary of the Interior for which he has been nominated. As one intimately involved in the legislative and executive process, Max Edwards comes highly recommended. I am sure he will be of great help to Secretary Udall, Members of Congress, and his colleagues.

The Distinguished Service Award presented him by the Department of the Interior earlier in the week gives further evidence of his dedicated public service. I was happy to learn that he had been recognized, and I certainly approve the President's decision to appoint him to this important resources position.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator Anderson.

Mr. Edwards, I think it would be helpful if you would just give us a biographical statement at this time. Also, of course, your comments with reference to your new appointment.