

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to call, in room 362, Cannon House Office Building, Hon. Olin E. Teague (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. The committee will come to order.

I am sorry there are no more members here than there are. We don't usually wait, but every member has about two or three committee meetings going on. Some of us on this committee will have to leave at 11:30 to go before the Rules Committee on a veteran housing bill. We hope to start some housing activity for veterans. I am sure there will be many more members come in and they can catch up with the reading before you get through.

With that, I would like to turn the meeting over to you and let you present the Commission report in any way you want.

Mr. McCURDY. Thank you, Mr. Teague, and what we lack in quantity we certainly have in quality.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF ROBERT M. McCURDY, CHAIRMAN, THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mr. McCURDY. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, it is a great privilege for me to present to you the report that the members of the U.S. Veterans Advisory Commission have just made to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

This report is based primarily upon the hearings which were held throughout the United States starting in Seattle, May 6, 1967. We received over 1,400 recommendations during these hearings.

I should like to present a copy of the catalog of the suggestions presented to the U.S. Veterans Advisory Commission in public sessions and by letter to become a part of the committee's record. Detailed transcripts of the hearings were made and are on file at the offices of the Commission in the Veterans' Administration building.

The other members of the Commission who joined with me in presenting this report to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs were Andy Borg, of Wisconsin; Claude Callegary, of Maryland; Melvin Dixon, of Florida; Ralph Hall, of Maryland; Herbert Houston, of Tennessee; Melvin Jacobsen, of Nevada; Eldon James, of Virginia; William Rice, of Colorado; Col. Warren Robinson, of California; and Pete Wheeler, of Georgia.