

Government, a grateful Congress, and I am glad that this Commission felt that way, also.

We had a few witnesses, not in the majority but in the minority, who felt that the veteran's program was not a sound program. We gave everyone who wanted to speak an opportunity to be heard and I am glad that they were in the minority.

But they at least were given a chance to speak up and be heard. It has been a great pleasure for me to have served on the Commission and I join with the other members of the Commission in hoping that this report will be of some use to you and the members of your committee, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Bob, I had a report on Colonel Robinson last night and I can assure you that my Ethics Committee would not interpret it as writing a speech.

Colonel ROBINSON. I thought that was what I was doing.

Mr. McCURDY. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, you have all been furnished a catalog and you will notice that in that catalog there are something like over 2,000 suggestions that came in either through testimony or by letter.

Also you have in there where the recommendation comes from and at what meeting and what organization. That could be helpful. Then the total is reduced to a frequency table that I know will be helpful that will show the frequency of these duplicate recommendations that finally boil down to 1,400.

Then if you take the 1,400 and reduce it to 79 I know that the vast experience of all you gentlemen—you can appreciate what a job it was for us to do this sort of thing with 11 of us that are all rather rugged individuals.

I want to commend and compliment the Commission. We did not always agree but we worked together, we stayed together, and we got out a report for which we all are justly proud.

I believe that if there are no further questions, that would conclude our testimony.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Are there any other questions? Without objection the Commission's report and other material presented this morning will be included in the record at this point.

(The material referred to follows:)